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August 31, 1960

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Nantucket, Mass.

Gentlemen:

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These accounts left by the treasurer, Mr. Edgar F. Orpin show a balance returned to the Town Treasury, and verified by the Town Accountant, of $1614.93.

It is the belief of this Committee that the duties for which it was activated have been completed and that the acceptance of this report by the Selectmen will constitute the termination of their responsibilities and affect the dissolution of the Committee.

May we suggest that at the pleasure of your Board these accounts be presented to the Nantucket Historical Association to be left with the other memorabilia of the celebration.

Sincerely,

George W. Jones, Chairman

GWJ/sek

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

## RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF NANTUCKET ON THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SETTLEMENT.

Whereas, The town of Nantucket this year celebrates its three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first white settlers in sixteen hundred and fifty-nine; and

Whereas, Nantucket was formerly the greatest whaling port in the world, from which its ships and men circled the globe in their relentless pursuit of the whale; and

Whereas, Nantucket has preserved the charm and splendor of this by-gone era in a setting of great natural beauty; and

Whereas, Nantucket has gained fame and renown as one of the world's leading vacation resorts; and

Whereas, Nantucket has contributed generously to the history and development of the commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of Massachusetts hereby congratulates the town of Nantucket on the occasion of said three hundredth anniversary.

House of Representatives, adopted, March 23, 1959.
LAWRENCE R. GROVE, Clerk.

Senate, adopted in concurrence, March 25, 1959.
IRVING N. HAYDEN, Clerk.

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A true copy. Attest:

Joseph D Ward
JOSEPH D. WARD
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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8 Oct. 1959

Mr. George Jones
Nantucket Mass

Dear George:

Now that the season has come to a close and the activities of the 300th Committee have been successfully completed, the Board wishes to extend to you personally its thanks for a difficult job well done as chairman of this Committee.

We perhaps better than anyone realize the many hours of time and effort that you gave to this undertaking and want you to know that we appreciate it.

Very truly yours

James K. Glidden, Secy.

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8 Sept. 60

Mr. George W. Jones
Ch. 300th Birthday Committee
Nantucket Mass

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Board has voted to accept the final report as submitted by you in behalf of the committee and to once again extend our thanks to you and each member of the committee who's efforts made this event possible.

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This book, together with the Nantucket newspapers of the year 1959 should help the reader to visualize the character of the 300th Birthday Celebration.

# NANTUCKET'S 300th BIRTHDAY
## 1659 — 1959

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Jan. 15 | Nantucket Birthday Card Contest |
| March 25 | Congratulatory resolution by Legislature |
| Apr. 10-11 | P.T.A. Regional Conference |
| May 10 | Nantucket Exhibit at State House |
| May 15 | Start of Nantucket Photo Competition. |
| May 18-June 5 | Arts & Crafts Exhibit, Institution for Savings, Boston |
| May 22 | Nantucket Day in Mass. Public Schools |
| May 25-26 | Press briefing (Brigantine "Yankee") |
| May 28-30 | Meeting of Mass. Press Association |
| June 5 | Nantucket Display—N. E. Airlines, Boston |
| June 8-26 | Arts & Crafts Exhibit, Home Savings Bank, Boston |
| June 9-10 | Mass. Dept. Natural Resources Meeting |
| June 12 | Nantucket Community Orchestra Concert |
| June 14 | Nantucket salutes brigantine "Yankee" |
| June 15-30 | Display of Nantucket Arts & Crafts, Mass. Dept. Commerce, 5th Ave., N. Y. |
| June 20 | Opening Day of reception booths. Airport & Broad St.<br>High School band concert<br>Beginning of distribution of birthday cake<br>Start daily guided tours by Girl Scouts |
| June 20-21 | Macy family reunion |
| June 21 | Concert by 40 members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Nantucket High School. Afternoon and evening performances. |
| June 22 | Lecture, "Nantucket Holiday", sponsor: North Church Men's Club. Paul Whitten<br>Nantucket Sheep-shearing Festival |
| June 23 | Mass. Petroleum Council salutes Nantucket |
| June 24 | Atlantic Fisheries Conference |
| June 25 | Nantucket display, N. E. Airlines, N.Y.C. |
| June 29 | Street decorations and signs go up |
| June 29-July 17 | Nantucket Exhibit, Boston Public Library, Egleston Branch |
| June 29-July 6 | Nantucket Exhibit, Northeast Airlines Terminal, Washington, D. C. |
| June 30 | Lecture: Isle Of The Whalers, Ruth Ley |
| June 30 | Airport Open House |
| July 1 | "Nantucket Holiday" — lecture. Paul Whitten |
| July 2 | THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION |
| July 2 | Anniversary Baby (First child born after midnight July 1) |
| July 2 | Redmen's Ball — N.H.S. Auditorium |
| July 4 | Parade and fireworks |
| July 5 | Methodist Church, 10:45 A.M. Preacher Rev. Harry P. Folger 2d. |
| July 6 | Celebrity Concert — Fiesta Flamenca |
| July 7 | Lecture: "Isle of the Whalers", Ruth Ley |
| July 7 | Square Dance, Bennett Hall |
| July 7-9 | Coffin family reunion |
| July 8 | "Nantucket Holiday" — Paul Whitten |
| July 8-24 | Historical Exhibit — Merchants National Bank, South Station, Boston |
| July 10-24 | Nantucket Exhibit, N.E. Airlines, Phila. |
| July 11-12 | Veteran Motor Car Club meet |
| July 12 | Congregational Church. Rose Sunday. With hymn singing by choir and public in front of church |
| July 13 | Designer fashion show |
| July 14 | Open Houses by D.A.R. |
| July 14 | Lecture: "Isle of the Whalers", Ruth Ley |
| July 15 | "Nantucket Holiday" — Paul Whitten |
| July 15 | Cranberry Day |
| July 15, 16, 17 | Whaling Seminar—Nantucket Hist. Ass'n. |
| July 21 | Nantucket Historical Association Annual Meeting |
| July 21 | Lecture: "Isle of the Whalers", Ruth Ley |
| July 21 | Square Dance, Bennett Hall |
| July 21 | Professional Golf Exhibitions and Clinic at Sankaty Head Golf Club. George Bayer, Doug Ford, Julius Boros, and Art Wall |
| July 22 | Concert — 567th Air Force Band |
| July 22 | "Nantucket Holiday" — Paul Whitten |
| July 24 | Visit by Navy blimp |
| July 25 | 7:00 P.M. Methodist 160th Anniversary Banquet with Bishop John Wesley Lord as guest speaker. |
| July 25-26 | Sports Car Club of America. Gymkhana and Concours d'elegance |
| July 26 | 160th Anniversary sermon by Bishop John Wesley Lord. 10:45 A.M. |
| July 27 | Celebrity Concert — Odetta, folk singer |
| July 28 | Lecture: "Isle of the Whalers", Ruth Ley |
| July 29 | "Nantucket Holiday" — Paul Whitten |
| July 30 | U.S.C.G. Air-Sea Rescue Demonstration |
| July 30 | Nantucket Community Orchestra Concert |
| Aug. 3 | Celebrity Concert: Claremont Quartet |
| Aug. 4 | Square Dance, Bennett Hall |
| Aug. 5 | "Nantucket Holiday", Paul Whitten |
| Aug. 5-6 | Firemen's Muster. Hand pumps loaned by Nantucket Historical Association |
| Aug. 7-9 | Navy recognition of Nantucket's 300th Birthday.<br>Visit by U.S.S. Miller with Navy Band<br>Dedication of plaque to William Mooers |
| Aug. 11 | Main St. Fete |
| Aug. 11 | Yacht Club Ball |
| Aug. 12 | "Nantucket Holiday" — Paul Whitten |
| Aug. 12, 13, 14 | Whaling Seminar. Nantucket Hist. Ass'n. |
| Aug. 15 | Mass. Dept. of Commerce recognition of Nantucket's 300th Birthday<br>"Made In Massachusetts" fashion show |
| Aug. 16 | Congregational Church Hydrangea Sunday. With hymn singing by choir and public in front of church |
| Aug. 16 | Methodist Church 10:45 A. M. service. Guest preacher, Rev. Harry P. Folger 2d. |
| Aug. 17-22 | Flying Dutchman International Sailing Trials. Final elimination for U.S. Entry 1959 Pan American Games. |
| Aug. 19 | Navy helicopter demonstration |
| Aug. 19 | "Nantucket Holiday", Paul Whitten |
| Aug. 20-21 | Bunker family reunion |
| Aug. 20-22 | North American National Championships, Flying Dutchmen |
| Aug. 22 | Courtesy Town Meeting for Non-Resident Tax Payers |
| Aug. 25 | Square Dance, Bennett Hall |
| Aug. 26 | "Nantucket Holiday", Paul Whitten |
| Aug. 26-27 | Conference on "Man In Space" |
| Aug. 26 | Folger family reunion |
| Aug. 31 | Celebrity Concert: Leonard Rose, cellist |
| Sept. 2-3 | Conference on Water Resources |
| Sept. 7 | Celebrity Concert: Geoffrey Holder, dancer and Rawn Spearman, singer |
| Sept. 10 | Concert, Nantucket Community Orchestra |
| Sept. 12-13 | C.A.P. Fly-In |
| Sept. 12 | Nantucket Commemorative Parade |
| Sept. 12 | American Legion Post and American Legion Auxiliary. 10th District Conference |
| Sept. 12-13 | Hussey family reunion |
| Sept. 14-16 | Academy of Arts & Sciences honors Maria Mitchell. |
| Sept. 15 | Return of the brigantine "Yankee" |
| Sept. 17-18 | Meeting of the Governor's Travel Advisory Committee |
| Sept. 19 | Grand Vouture 40 and 8 Outing |

Public Clam Bakes each Sunday from July 6 — Aug. 30.

Dates will be published when definitely fixed for:
Civic League Garden Tours
Sidewalk Art Show
Nature Walks

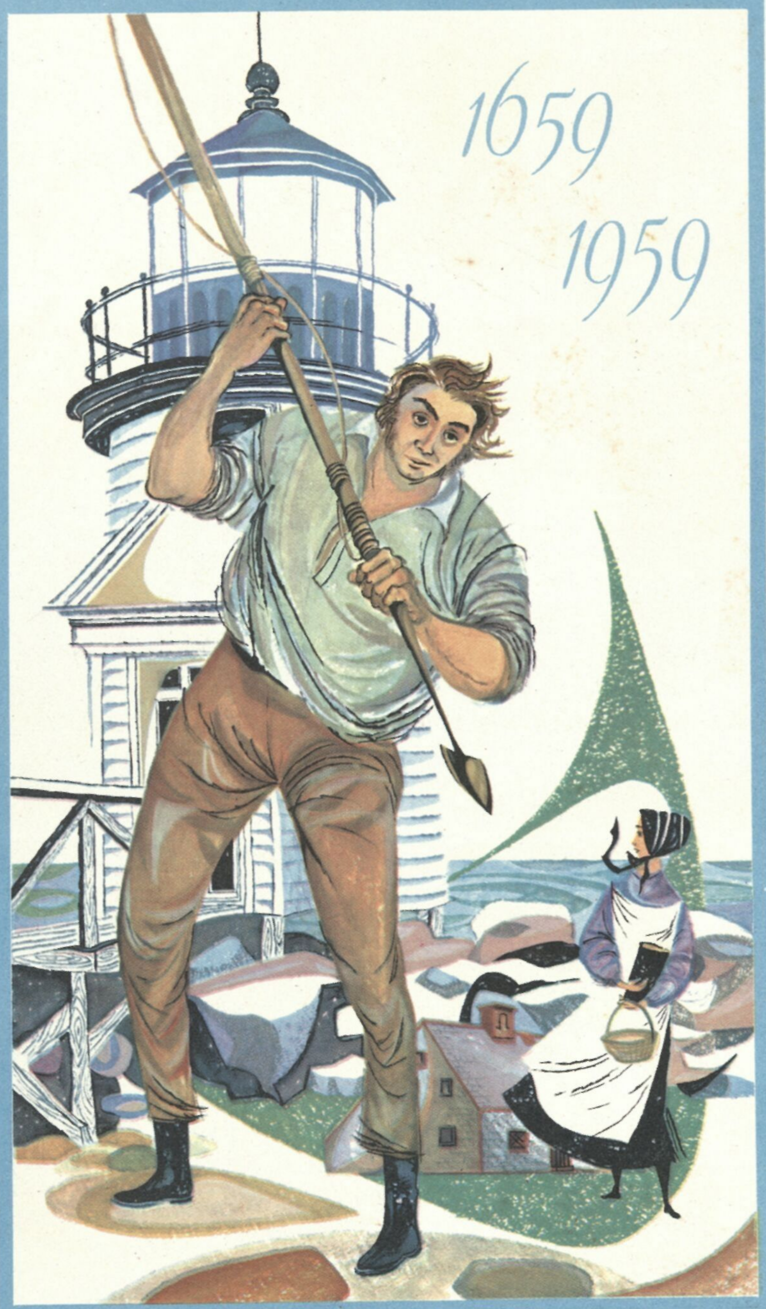
# BIRTHDAY CARD CONTEST

Arrangements were made with Rust Craft Publishers, Inc. of Dedham, Massachusetts, to produce a birthday card, at no cost to Nantucket, which would commemorate the island's 300th birthday.

A contest was sponsored by the 300th Birthday Committee for a design for the birthday card. The contest was open to any resident of Nantucket Island, and the only regulation was that the design be typical of Nantucket in the eyes of the artist. The prize was 25% royalty on the sale of the cards and the established price was 25¢ per card.

The winner was Sheila Jelleme, wife of Howard Jelleme, 20 Union Street. Ten thousand cards were produced, half with the legend imprinted "1659-1959" and the other half left plain, for sale during the ensuing years. Thus, Mrs. Jelleme's potential prize was $750.

# NANTUCKET ISLAND



NANTUCKET ISLAND

Enterprise (e)
MARLBORO, Mass.
Independent Republican
Circ. 5,575

FEB 6 1959

# OFFER PRIZE FOR DESIGN OF BIRTHDAY CARD

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Rust Craft Greeting Cards of Dedham, Mass. will print 10,000 cards with the winning design and verse and donate them to Nantucket for sale during the summer.

Winner of the artwork category will receive royalties from the sale of the cards. The verse winner will receive $100.

Judges for the contest are Thomas Vroman, vice president and creative director for United Printers & Publishers, Inc.; Leon Pistone, president Art Directors Club of Boston, and Sidney Killen, presiednt, Nantucket Chamber of Commerce.

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**Miscellany:** Through the generosity of **Rust Craft** Publishers, Inc., Dedham, Mass., the Massachusetts island community of **Nantucket** will have an exclusive birthday card to mark its **300th anniversary.** The company is guiding the Nantucket Birthday Card Contest, running from Jan. 15 to March 15 and open only to Nantucket residents, who will submit art and verse entries for the special card. Rust Craft will produce the prize-winning card in a quantity of 10,000 and donate them to the birthday committee, which in turn will distribute the cards to be sold to island residents and visitors . . . That versatile and busy

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Press
WESTWOOD, Mass.
Weekly Independent
Circ. 2,350

MAY 21 1959

# Y' Know What?

by ELEANOR PATTERSON

I often wish that I were twins, so I could take in more than one function in an evening. So many very good programs are offered here in town; the only difficulty is that there are just so many nights in the week, and there is therefore much overlapping on dates.

The Coming Events calendar in the Press is one way in which to insure an open date for your meetings. I hope that when activities start up again in the fall, the publicity chairmen will check with Gris Roche, DA 6-3456, who maintains the calendar to try for better distribution of events.

**The P.T.A. is to be congratulated for the fine work it has done during the year. It has underwritten the A.F.S. program, it will offer a scholarship to a senior, and now it has given to the school department several necessary machines, including a tape recorder. In the final analysis, you are the P.T.A., and you all should have the inner satisfaction of a job well done.**

Inadvertently a few weeks ago I attributed an article describing a trip to the U.N., to a member of the eighth grade. A thousand pardons, Miss Virginia Hegwood, for having demoted you from the exalted status of a sophomore even momentarily!

**The Museum of Science is opening a miniature natural history museum in a remodeled farmhouse at the base of Big Blue Hill, and devoted to what may be seen and discovered in that area. Opening date will be mid-June. Fun for the kiddies, and parents too.**

Visitors to Nantucket this summer should look for the birthday card featuring its 300th birthday. It symbolizes the whaling background in Nantucket history.

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Town Crier
NANTUCKET, Mass.
Weekly Independent
Circ. 2,640

MAY 15 1959

# *2 Residents Win Card Contest*

Two Island residents of 23 entrants were named winners this week of a 300th birthday card contest, sponsored by the Island's 300th anniversary committee.

Mrs. Howard Jelleme of 20 Union Street was winner of the card design and George E. Folger Jr. of Lower Orange Street, the winner of the verse, entitled, Happy Birthday Little Island.

Rust Craft Greeting Card Company of Dedham will reproduce 10,000 cards of the winning design and verse for sale here during the celebration. They will go on sale June 15.

Mr. Folger will receive a cash prize of $100. Prize of Mrs. Jelleme is 25 percent royalties on card sales.

The card art work, symbolizing the history of the Island, depicts a whaleman with harpoon in the foreground and Brant Point in the background with an outline of the Island, inset with the Nantucket's historical Oldest House and a Puritan woman.

The winning verse is:

Happy Birthday little Isle,
Quaint warm place with gentle smile
Cobbled street and quaint old homes,
Winding moor for all to roam.
Rainbow flowers and mint green trees,
Sandy beach and cooling breeze,
Rushing surf and gentle sea.
On your birthday fair little Isle,
Keep your quaint and warming smile
So through all eternity,
You are the place where all should be.

Mrs. Jelleme, mother of two children, Jan 3½ and Lisa 2, graduated in 1954 from the Rhode Island School of Design, where she majored in illustration. She formerly worked for an advertising agency in Boston.

Mr. Folger, 18, a Nantucket High School Senior, has been writing poetry for four years. He received a certificate two months ago for a poem of his, Alone, which was selected by the National High School Poetry Association for publication in its book two months ago.

Mrs. Marie Cloud of the public relations firm of Newsome and Company of Boston, who announced the card winners, said final choice of card winners was made by the art department of Rust Craft because the three judges found all the entries excellent. The three judges were Mrs. Cloud, Thomas Vroman, vice-president and creative director of United Printers and Publishers Inc., and Leon Pistone, president of the Art Directors Club of Boston.

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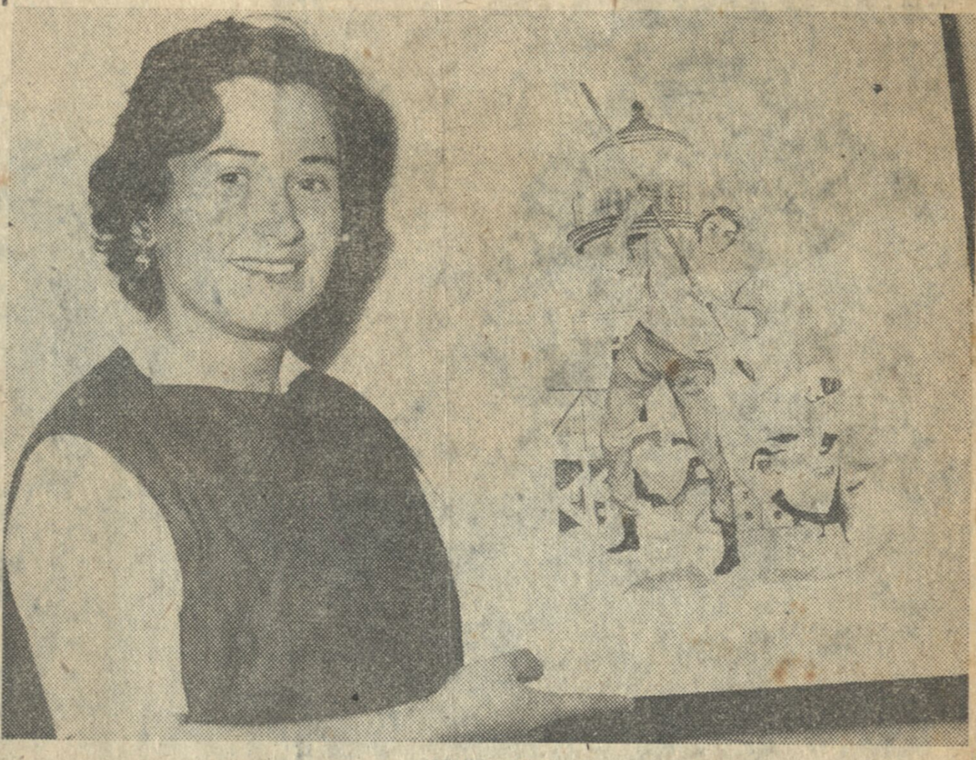
**Traveler (e)**
**BOSTON, Mass.**
Independent
Circ. 183,620

MAY 12 1959

## Nantucket Island Card



(AP Wirephoto)

**WINNING DESIGN** for a card marking the 300th anniversary of Nantucket Island is shown by Mrs. Sheila Jelleme, 26, Nantucket housewife who designed it. She will receive 25 per cent of royalties from sale of cards. Rust Craft, Dedham publishers, have donated 10,000 anniversary greetings cards to the island.

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**Sun (e)**
**HUDSON, Mass.**
Independent Republican
Circ. 2,220

FEB 6 1959

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Transcript
DEDHAM, Mass.
Weekly Independent
Circ. 5,048

MAY 22 1959

## Rambling Round

The Dedham Drum & Bugle Corps entertained at Cowboy Town in Plainville Sunday afternoon. Dressed in their western uniforms and playing some of the songs of the old West, they blended very nicely with the atmosphere that prevails at the "western" town . . . Mrs. John Russell says many people visited the daffodil gardens of her late husband on Mother's Day . . . Folks are still raving about the Mansfield High Band which performed during the music festival. Their audition at the high school drew the loudest praise with even the judge confessing "I can't give you anything but A-plus." . . . Postmaster J. Frank Colbert tells us the minimum-size restriction on envelopes scheduled for July 1 has been suspended indefinitely. It would have elimina[illegible]any envelopes normally used for birth an[illegible]cements and party invitations . . . The Jun[illegible] Legion baseball team is looking for two men interested in coaching this year's team which opens against Needham June 14. Contact the post . . . Dedham High's band received a top rating in its audition as part of the music festival . . . Dedham may have to borrow more money soon if tax returns don't come in fast enough . . . Rust Craft Publishers [illegible]ill print 10,000 cards and present them to Nan[illegible]s a birthday present for the town's 300t[illegible] . . .Mrs. Harold N. McKinney of 26[illegible] chairman o[illegible] the "Festival of [illegible] held Ju[illegible] 11-14 at the Bost[illegible]tapan . . . Lack of interest [illegible]rial D[illegible] parade in Hingha[illegible]

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Item (e)
WAKEFIELD, Mass.
Independent
Circ. 6,360

FEB 5 1959

## THE ITEM HEARS

That the 9 'Ears' Banjo Club will appear on the TV program, "Community Auditions," over Channel 4, Sunday, Feb. 8, at 12:30 p.m. Gene Jones of Greenwood is master of ceremonies for the program.

That police checked a complaint of a drag race on New Salem st, starting at a point from Grand Pussway to Wakefield Square, but the drivers were not in the area when officers arrived at 11:15 p.m., Tuesday.

That Wakefield merchants have united to offer the craziest of "Krazy Day" promotions, to be held later this month. Some prices on quality merchandise to be offered are fantastic, and promises to make it the biggest such promotion in their history.

That selectmen approved licenses to Sunlite Bowladrome, 63 Water st, for a shuffle board and coon hunt machine.

That a hearing on the application for a permit for the underground storage of 100,000 gallons of fuel oil by Curley Grain and Fuel Company, on land at North ave. and Broadway, has been scheduled by selectmen for Feb. 17, at 8 p.m.

That Charles Kirk was granted a license by selectmen, this week, to conduct tag days on Feb. 26 and 27 for the Wakefield Youth Hockey. This is the principal means of raising funds for this popular group, which has hundreds of boys active in it.

That residents of the island community of Nantucket are hard at work this winter designing a birthday card for their town, in honor of Nantucket's 300th birthday anniversary. A contest for an appropriate drawing and "sentiment" is being sponsored by the Nantucket 300th Birthday Committee and is open to both permanent and summer residents. It ends March 15. Rust Craft Greeting Cards of Dedham will print 10,000 cards with the winning design and verse and donate them to Nantucket for sale during the summer. Winner of the artwork category will receive royalties from the sale of the cards. The verse winner will receive $100. Judges for the contest are Thomas Vroman, vice president and creative director for United Printers & Publishers, Inc.; Leon [illegible] president Art Direct[illegible] Boston, and Sidney [illegible] dent, Nantucket Cha[illegible]merce.

That Robert J. Rich[illegible] Chapman rd, was pla[illegible] reception to Rev. Anth[illegible] turo, last Sunday, in th[illegible] Community Club.

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American (e)
BOSTON, Mass.
Independent
Circ. 176,318

FEB 6 1959

WHOEVER wins the prize for designing Nantucket's 300th birthday card will receive 25 p. c. of the proceeds from the sale of 10,000 cards to be supplied free by Rustcraft . . . OSCAR CARTIER, a top-notch comedian in the Vienna Room, is French and Argentinian. He tells about a French friend who "joined a woman to forget the Foreign Legion."

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Hotel & Restaurant News
BOSTON, Mass.
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## Unique Birthday Card For Nantucket Visitors

**Nantucket, Mass.**—Tourists visiting Nantucket this summer will find a unique birthday card to mail back home.

During the winter months, the local residents participated in a contest to seek a design and verse to become the official Nantucket 300th birthday greeting. Winner of the contest, sponsored by the Birthday Committee in cooperation with Rust Craft Publishers of Dedham, Mass., was a 26-year old housewife. Mrs. Sheila Jelleme took top honors over many professional artists.

Rust Craft will produce 10,000 cards and present them to Nantucket as a birthday present. The cards will be sold on the island, and Mrs. Jelleme's prize will be a 25 percent royalty on the card sales. Sharing top honors is George Folger, Jr., a descendant of one of the island's 11 original families, for his verse. Mrs. Jelleme's water color symbolizes the whaling background in Nantucket history.

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the landing by the first white settlers. There will be many summer events to mark the occasion.

The following two pages show two important tributes to Nantucket on its 300th birthday.

On April 16, 1959 the Honorable Hastings Keith quoted W. Ripley Nelson in describing Nantucket's importance in the development of our country, permanently marking the 300th birthday in the Congressional Record.

Through Robert F. Mooney, Nantucket representative in the Massachusetts Legislature, a resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 23, 1959 congratulating Nantucket on its 300th birthday.

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## *House of Representatives*

## A Tribute to Nantucket on Its 300th Anniversary

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
**HON. HASTINGS KEITH**
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
*Thursday, April 16, 1959*

Mr. KEITH. Mr. Speaker, Nantucket Island this year is celebrating its 300th anniversary.

This country needs, as surely as it does the physical might that research and technology continuously furnish us, the moral and spiritual revitalizing that great events in history provide.

The chronicle of Nantucket's past is a series of such events. As this island's Congressman it is my privilege, by way of paying tribute to its patriotic and hardy citizens, to recount here today some of the contributions Nantucket has made to the founding and progress of America. For this purpose may I quote from W. Ripley Nelson, chairman of the island's historic districts commission. I hope that his description of this isle will encourage you to visit Nantucket and to take part in the festivities there this summer:

> Nantucket is renowned as having been the leading whaling port of this country for many years. It had before the Revolutionary War more than 150 vessels in its fleet and in 1760 was producing more oil than all other American whaling ports combined.
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> It is renowned in history in other ways. Its shipmasters were explorers as well as whalers. In 1791 Capt. Paul Worth was the first to "double" Cape Horn, thus opening the Pacific. Subsequent voyages explored even the most remote parts of the Pacific, charting islands, reefs, and shoals theretofore unknown, taking them to Greenland, the Arctic, the coast of Africa, the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, and the Japanese coast. Capt. Christopher Burdick of Nantucket is credited with having been the first person to recognize as a continent land now known as the Antarctic Continent.
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> Timothy Folger, a whaling master, gave to Benjamin Franklin, whose mother was a native-born Nantucketer, data which led to the charting of the course of the gulf stream. "Sunset longitude" was discovered by Owen Spooner in 1745.
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> Export trade was started in 1745 when a vessel from Nantucket, ladened with whale oil, was sent to England.
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> During the Revolutionary War some 1,600 Nantucket men were captured, killed, or lost at sea. It is doubtful if any other community of the times sacrificed one-third of its population. In addition its shipping losses were appalling, for at the beginning of the war the island had 150 vessels whereas only two or three old ships remained at the end.
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> Nevertheless, at the earliest moment after peace had been declared, the ship *Bedford*, under Capt. William Mooers, with 487 butts of oil was dispatched by Nantucket to London. It was the first vessel to fly the U.S. flag in any British port. From that start Nantucket ships carried the American flag to ports throughout the world.
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> At the outbreak of the War of 1812, Nantucket had rebuilt its whaling and export business and its fleet. The island suffered a repetition of the struggle for existence and the losses of the Revolution. The Nantucket spirit brought quick recovery, and by 1820 the fleet numbered 72 whaling ships, besides brigs, schooners, and sloops, which continued to increase in numers during the following years, known as the golden age of whaling.
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> The discovery of petroleum ended Nantucket's mighty industry of the sea, the last whaling ship sailing in 1869. But in 1872 Nantucket's reputation and popularity as a summer resort began. Today not only is it a leading resort but one of the most unusual. Its old rambling streets and lanes are still just as they grew, some paved with their original cobblestones. Its hundreds of homes, the majority over 100 years old and many over 200 years old, are not only perfectly preserved but truly livable.
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> Preservation of its antiquity is assured through the legal control exercised by the Nantucket Historic Districts Commission over the exterior architectural features of all buildings, structures, and signs in an area of over 230 acres in the center of town and a smaller section in the Siasconset area.
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> In World War I, Nantucket was headquarters for a large and very active Naval Reserve Force. In World War II Nantucket Airport was taken over by the Navy as an operations and training base.
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> The tercentenary celebration started January 5 and carries through to September 12.

Mr. Speaker, with a year-round population of only 4,000, this island is host during the summer season to more than 120,000 persons. It is my hope that my colleagues in Congress and those who read the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD will take time out from their busy schedules to visit Nantucket this summer and to join with citizens of the island in commemoration of this achievement—300 years of service to the Colonies, the Nation, and the world.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine.

## RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF NANTUCKET ON THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SETTLEMENT.

Whereas, The town of Nantucket this year celebrates the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first white settlers in sixteen hundred and fifty-nine; and

Whereas, Nantucket was formerly the greatest whaling port in the world, from which its ships and men circled the globe in their relentless pursuit of the whale; and

Whereas, Nantucket has preserved the charm and splendor of this by-gone era in a setting of great natural beauty; and

Whereas, Nantucket has gained fame and renown as one of the world's leading vacation resorts; and

Whereas, Nantucket has contributed generously to the history and development of the commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of Massachusetts hereby congratulates the town of Nantucket on the occasion of said three hundredth anniversary.

House of Representatives, adopted, March 23, 1959.

Lawrence R. Grove, Clerk.

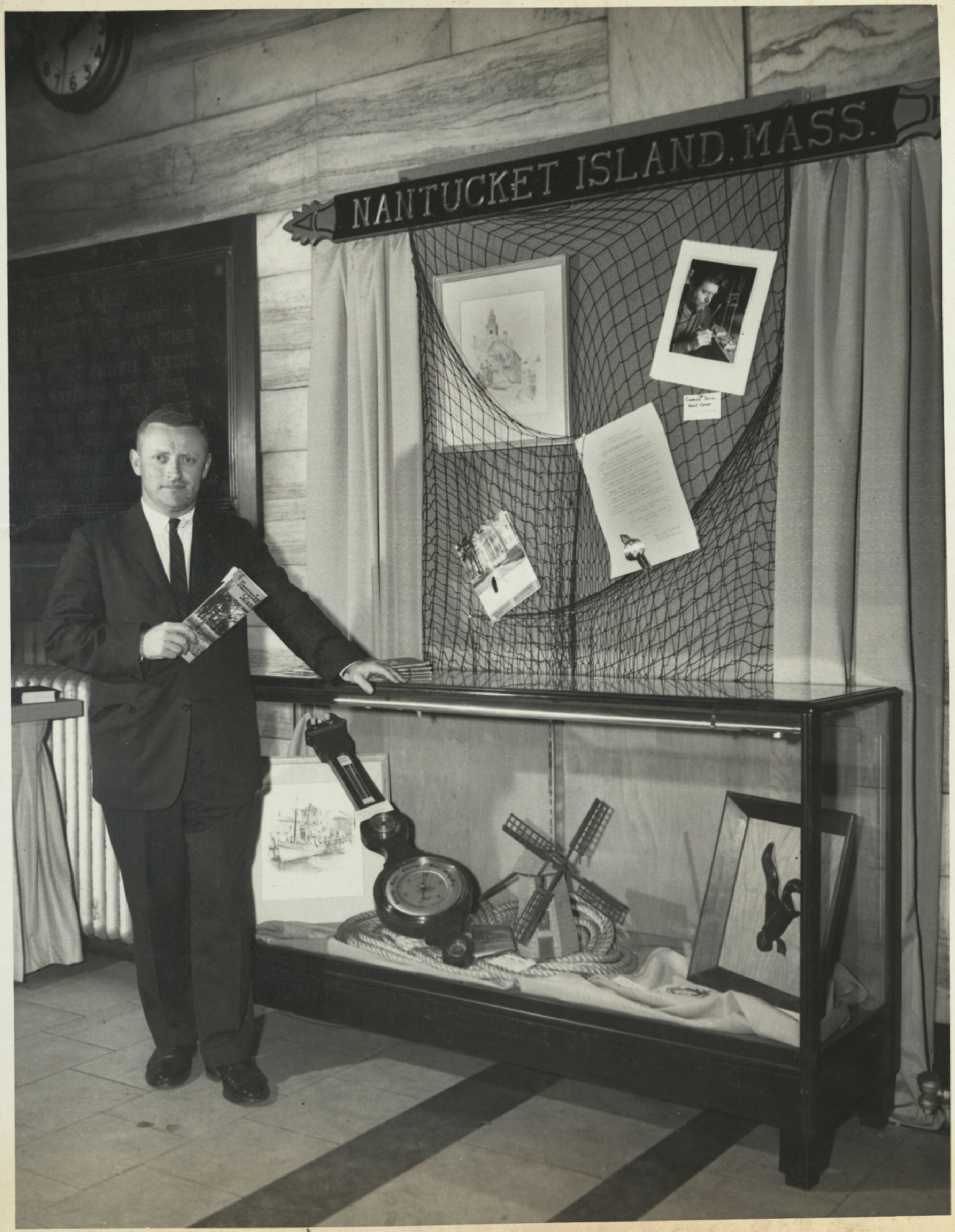
Senate, adopted in concurrence, March 25, 1959.

Irving N. Hayden, Clerk.

## EXHIBITS

Exhibits of Nantucket arts and crafts were arranged in various locations in New England. Purpose of these exhibits was to give off-island persons an opportunity to see the character of Nantucket crafts, such as the weaving of lightship baskets, scrimshaw carving, and the art of making sailor's valentines.

Two of the exhibits are shown here. Ten thousand persons per day were estimated to have viewed the window of the Institution For Savings in Boston. The other was located in the lobby of the State House.


NANTUCKET ISLAND. MASS.

**1659 - - NANTUCKET ISLAND 300th BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE - - 1959**

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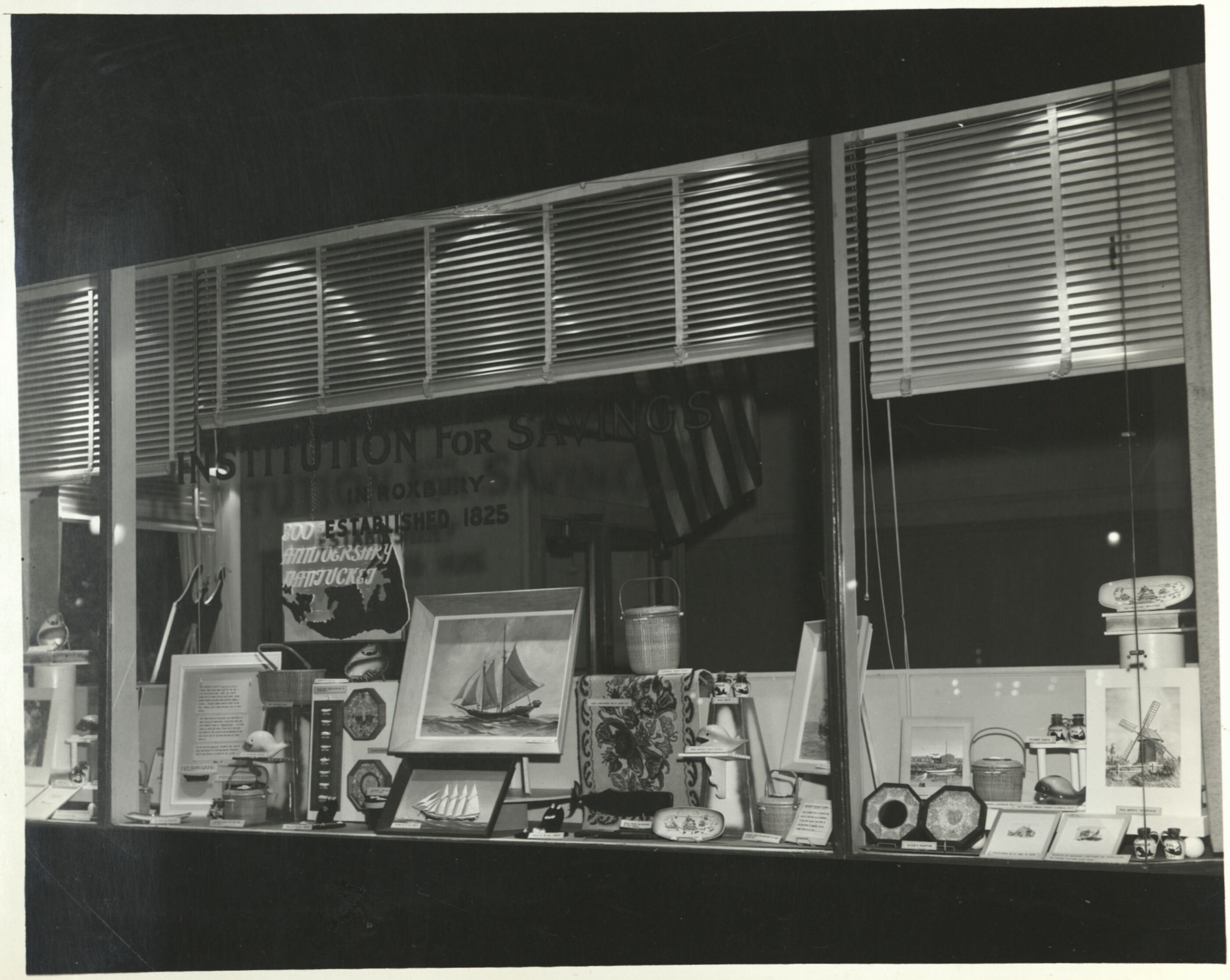
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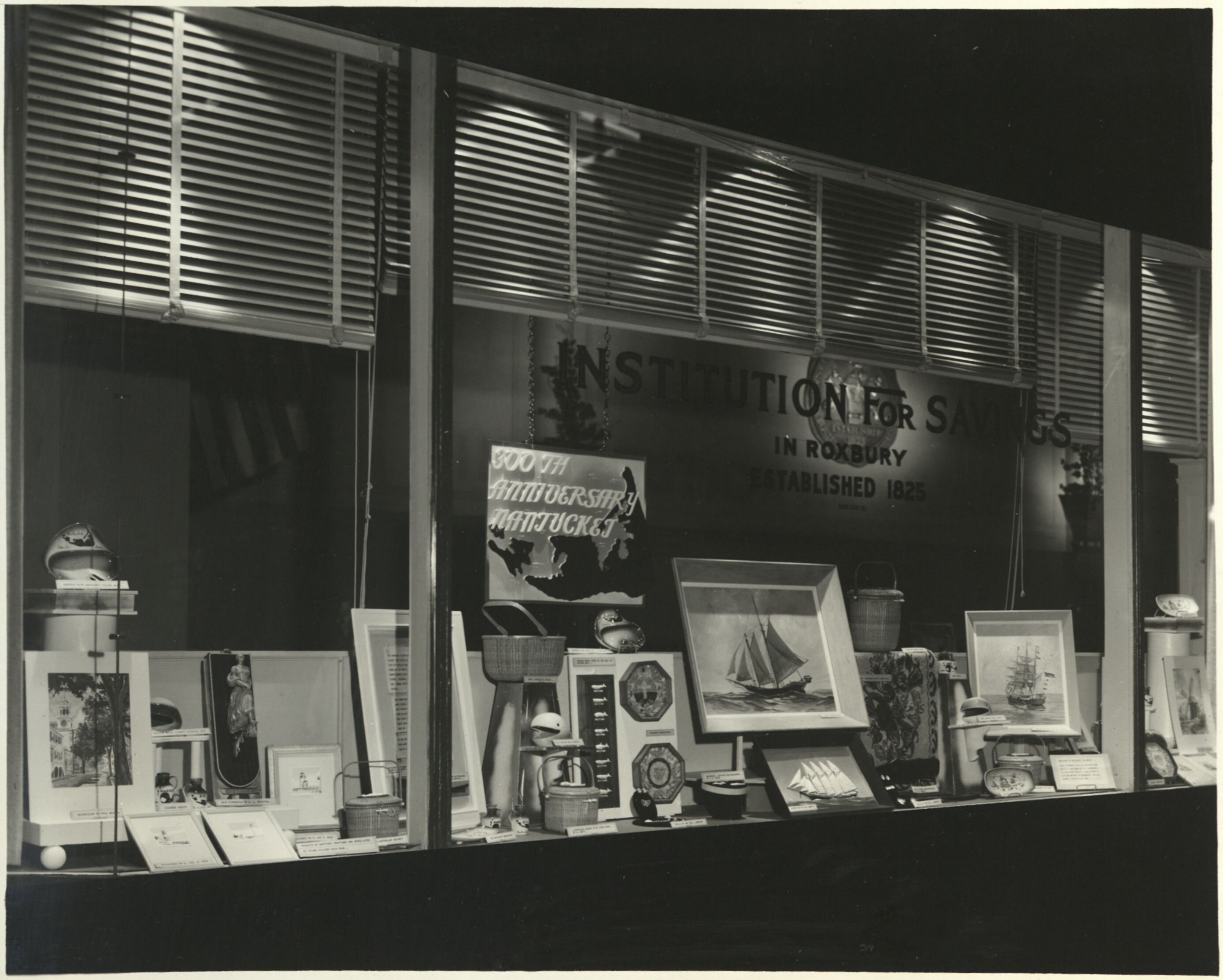
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## NANTUCKET DAY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In order to call attention of the school children to the important part which Nantucket played in American history, it was arranged to have a single history lesson devoted to the subject of Nantucket in the Massachusetts public school system.

Commissioner of Education Owen B. Kiernan recommended to his school departments that Nantucket be featured on May 22, 1959. A study outline was prepared by Dr. William E. Gardner of Nantucket, aided by Charles W. Pearl of the Social Studies Department of Nantucket High School. The Department of Education distributed the study outline to the schools.

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
*Department of Education*
*200 Newbury Street, Boston 16*

April 20, 1959

To: Chairmen of School Committees
Superintendents of Schools

From: Commissioner of Education

Re: Observance of Nantucket Day

Recently the Massachusetts Legislature adopted Resolutions congratulating the Town of Nantucket on the 300th anniversary of its settlement, the text of which is as follows:--

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> Whereas, Nantucket was formerly the greatest whaling port in the world, from which its ships and men circled the globe in their relentless pursuit of the whale; and
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# THE IMPACT OF NANTUCKET
# UPON MASSACHUSETTS AND AMERICAN HISTORY

A brief study unit prepared for students in the Massachusetts schools on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the first white settlers on Nantucket Island.

1659-1959

Prepared by
Charles W. Pearl
Social Studies Dept., Nantucket High School

In collaboration with
Dr. William E. Gardner
Historian, Author and Lecturer

OUTLINE:

I. Nantucket's contribution to American history was made through its whaling industry.

  A. Nantucket was the leading whaling port in America and in the world from 1760 to 1830.

    1. Its whaling vessels made the young America a factor in foreign trade long before the advent of the clipper ships

  B. In its day the whaling industry was a very important one. It provided mankind with--

    1. Whale oil for lanterns and lamps, and spermaceti wax candles,--these products provided the very best illumination available until the discovery of petroleum (kerosene) and electricity in the middle and late 19th century.

    2. Fine quality lubricating oils.

    3. Cheaper whale oils for use in industry, principally for tanning hides.

    4. Ambergris for perfumes and medicine.

    5. Whale bone was extremely important. It was the "plastic" of its day, and very widely used.

  C. Lasting achievements of the Nantucket whaling industry.

    1. Vast increase in the geographical knowledge of the world. Nantucket whalers literally combed the seven seas in their search for whales.

      a. Over 200 Pacific Islands were discovered, charted and claimed for the United States by the whalers.

    b. Ocean currents were charted, weather studied, ice conditions reported, fishing ground discovered, etc.

  2. An important international trade developed in whale products.

  3. Investment capital was made available at the time when it was urgently needed by America's expanding industrial development. Much whaling capital went into textile mills and railroads.

D. Whaling in literature and adventure.

  1. Countless fiction and non-fiction works deal with the thrill of the whale hunt and the drama of the "kill" of the whale--the largest of mammals.

  2. The great whaling novel "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville is based upon Nantucket whalemen.

  3. The stories of the Nantucket whaling ships, "Essex" sunk by an enraged whale, the "Globe" victim of a savage mutiny and many others are minor classics.

II. Famous Nantucket men and women and their achievements.

A. Tristram Coffin, Peter Folger (grandfather of Benjamin Franklin) and John Gardner, most important of the first settler of Nantucket, 1659.

  1. Founded in order to escape Intolerance and persecution in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

B. Abiah Folger Franklin, 1667

  1. Mother of Benjamin Franklin and guiding factor in the life of that great American patriot.

C. William Rotch

  1. Whaling merchant, owner of ships "Dartmouth," "Beaver" and "Eleanor," the Boston Tea Party ships.

D. Timothy Folger

  1. Captain of Nantucket ship "Bedford," the first American ship to fly an American flag in an English port.

F. William Mitchell

  1. Teacher, banker, amateur astronomer.

  2. Overseer of Harvard University for 16 years. He was not a graduate of Harvard or any other college.

  3. He was a leader in establishing the first Harvard Observatory and "the best qualified person to develop the National Observatory at Washington."

  4. Instrumental in organizing the formal professional study of the science of astronomy in America.

G. Lucretia Coffin Mott, 1793-1880

  1. Important abolitionist leader.

  2. Proponent of Women's Rights and social reform

H. Maria Mitchell, 1818-1889

  1. Daughter of William Mitchell.

  2. Professional astronomer.

  3. Many important discoveries, including the Maria Mitchell Comet.

  4. Important American educator.

  5. Professor of astronomy at Vassar College.

I. Robert Inott

  1. Captain and part owner of ship "Savannah" -- first steam-powered ship to cross Atlantic Ocean.

J. Cyrus Peirce

  1. Nantucket minister and teacher.

  2. First principal of Nantucket High School.

  3. Prominent American educator, associate of Horace Mann.

  4. Founded the first Normal school (teacher training school) in America, now Framingham State Teachers College.

K. R. H. Macy

  1. Nantucket merchant who later founded the New York department stores.

III. Nantucket and the vacation resort industry.

  A. Nantucket was one of the first New England coastal town to develop as a summer resort.

  B. It began as a "hideway" for the New York theatre colony in 1895.

  C. Today the vacation resort industry is a major year-round industry in New England and the U. S. A.

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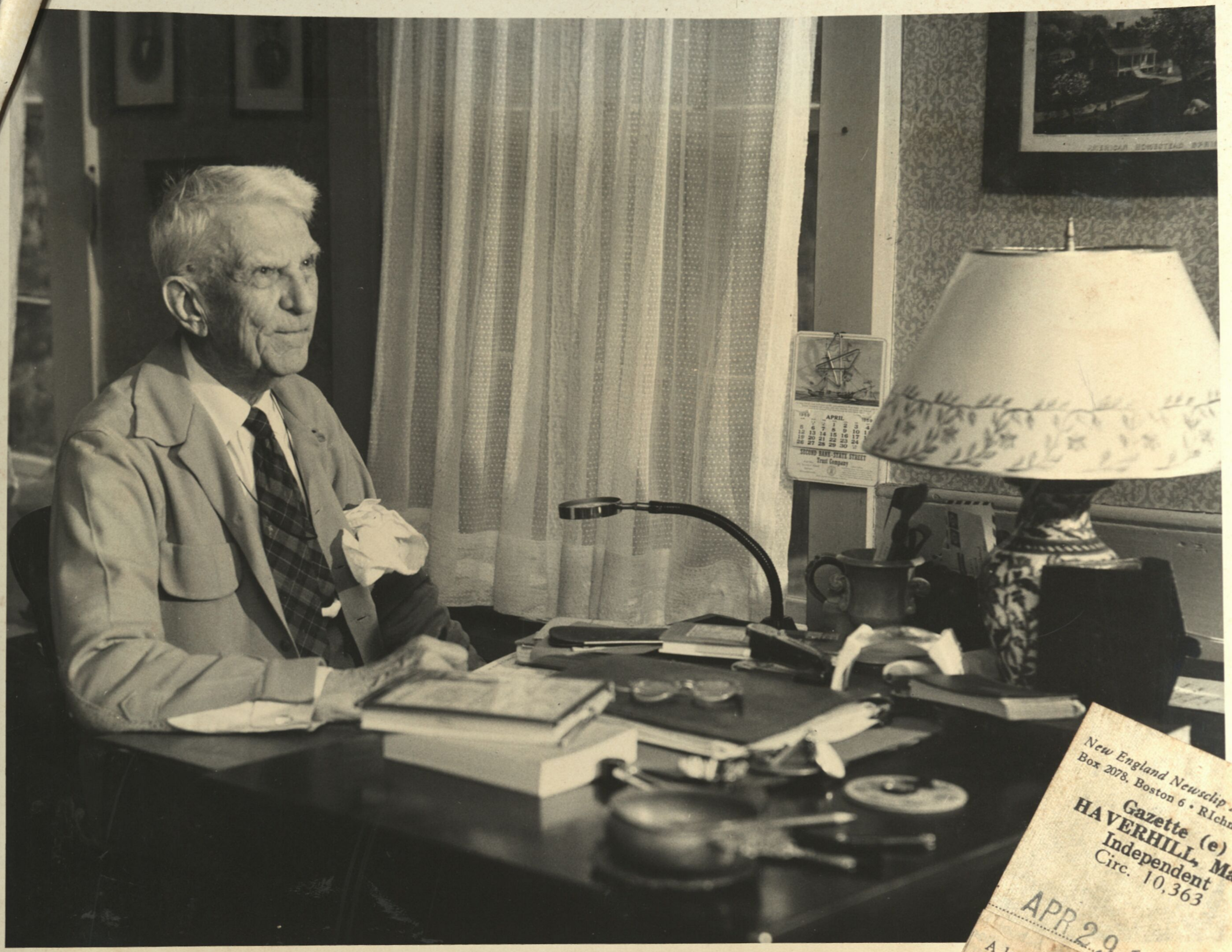

LAND

Dr. William E. Gardner at his desk
in his home on Orange Street

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## Nantucket Day

State Department of Education has designated May 22 Nantucket Day in public schools. The Island is celebrating a tercentennial this summer.

A letter will be sent by Education Commissioner Owen B. Kiernan to all school committees and superintendents, accompanied by a study outline prepared by Dr. William Gardner, Nantucket historian, and Charles Pearl of the Nantucket school.

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**Minuteman**
**BEDFORD, Mass.**
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## School Committee Accepts Bids on General Supplies

A regular meeting of the Bedford School Committee was held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. Present were: Mrs. Dorman, Mr. Joslin, Mr. Goddu, Mr. Tracy and Superintendent Bennett.

The Supt. of Schools presented portions of the Annual Report of the Educational Policies Commission and reported to the committee that he plans to make further studies and investigations on this with the staff.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 21, subject to the correctio on page 7.

The committee voted unanimously to set the closing date of school on June 19.

The Supt. of Schools notified the committee of the resolution from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, concerning the observance of "Nantucket Day". The Supt. will notify the principals of this day and request that they try to make some observance of it.

The Supt. also read a letter from the Anthony-Hunt-Hamilton Post, American Legion, offering their services for Memorial Day programs in the schools. The Supt. will notify the principals and send a reply to this letter to the Post

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A letter from the State Department of Education, recommending that recognition be given to the observance of Nantucket Day, May 22, marking the town's 300th anniversary of its settlement, was referred to school principals.

Committeeman Samuel R. Bailey noted that Nantucket was founded by Thomas Macy, an Amesbury Quaker and original tenant of the historic Macy-Colby House, Main st.

Bailey said Macy was driven from Amesbury by religious prosecution and migrated by boat to Nantucket Island.

It was also noted that descendants of Thomas Macy were founders of New York's famous Macy's department store.

## MASSACHUSETTS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Early in the planning of Nantucket's 300th Birthday it was determined to seek publicity of a high calibre.

The Massachusetts Press Association was invited to hold their annual meeting on the island. This gave a first-hand story to newspaper people who would receive publicity all season long. By giving the press an opportunity to look at Nantucket, the Committee accomplished an important objective -- establishing early the historical and cultural character of the celebration.

*NEWPA Members Welcome To Join Us!*

# ALL ABOARD! FOR NANTUCKET ISLAND!

**THE MASSACHUSETTS PRESS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN INVITED TO NANTUCKET ISLAND TO HELP THEM CELEBRATE THEIR 300th ANNIVERSARY.**

***This Should Be A Wonderful Outing For You And Yours!***

**DATES ARE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30, and 31st.**

**We leave Wood's Hole on the 11:00 a.m. boat, Friday, May 29, for a 3-hour sail to Nantucket Island — 35 miles at sea. We return on the 3 p.m. boat, Sunday, May 31st.**

***Fine accomodations at the famous Sea Cliff Inn — each room has a private bath.***

***Complete charges at the Sea Cliff will be $34.50 per person, 15% gratuities included.***

***A special rate of $4.95 per person for the round trip on the boat has been obtained.***

**THE PROGRAM TENTATIVELY ARRANGED FOLLOWS . . .**

- **FRIDAY, 6 p.m. Nantucket Clam Bake. The "bake" will be outside but the food will be served inside — unless it is comfortably warm outside.**

  **Speaker will be *Mr. Edouard A. Stackpole*, Nantucket historian and curator of the Mystic Marine Association and Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn. He is author of many Nantucket books, including "The Sea Hunters," a source book on the history of whaling. He is also a former newspaperman with 25 years experience.**
- **SATURDAY. Breakfast and sightseeing. Luncheon after which we will have the Mass. Press Annual Meeting — a short one. Then more sightseeing and a really wonderful dinner later on with ONE POUND STEAKS!**
- **SUNDAY, Breakfast — church or sightseeing. Sunday dinner before boarding the boat for return to the Mainland.**

We are asking for a $2.50 registration fee. Registration return cards will be sent to you later. NEWPA members will also be welcome to join us.

*Further details on the program will be forthcoming later. Why not plan now for this unusual and comparatively inexpensive visit to historic and delightful Nantucket Island.*

CLARK SAMUEL, Chairman
JOE INDIO, Nantucket Town Crier
BOB DEELEY, Nantucket Inquirer & Mirror

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**Townsman**
**WELLESLEY, Mass.**
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# Editors Open Nantucket's Anniversary

The Massachusetts Press Association auspiciously opened the Island of Nantucket's 300th anniversary, over Memorial Day week-end and set the pattern for a gala Summer's program in which islanders, Summer residents and hundreds of former Nantucketers and friends will be participants from now until late fall. The Association had an important part in the 275th anniversary celebration in 1934 and was invited to serve in a similar capacity for the tercentenary.

The members, wives and invited guests, including five from the **Townsman,** gathered at Woods Hole Friday morning and took the boat to the island. Headquarters were at the Sea Cliff Hotel,, and the party returned on the afternoon boat, Sunday, arriving back at Woods Hole at 6 p.m.

A bus tour of the island was taken Friday afternoon, from one end to the other, with frequent stops. A banquet was held Friday evening at which the entire board of selectmen, tercentenary committee leaders, historical society officers, town historian, the town's two newspaper editors, and others were guests. Saturday morning started with a walking tour of nearby historic houses and places, including a stop at the Whaling Museum, where considerable time was spent.

Following lunch, the party was transported to the town dock where the famous round-the-world sailing ship "Yankee" is tied up for the summer, there to be greeted by the new Skipper, Reed Whitney, and his wife and 12-year-old daughter, Martha.

This much publicized ship, formerly based in Gloucester, took the group for a 3-hour sail on Nantucket Sound, which was unquestionably the highlight of the entire week-end.

A brief business meeting for the association was held on Saturday at which annual reports were made, routine business was conducted, future plans were discusssed, and officers elected for the new year. Miss Dorothy M. Raymond, managing editor of the Melrose Free Press, was re-elected president for a second one-year term; James D. Haggerty, Jr., editor and co-owner of the Woburn Daily Times, Leonard Wood, editor-publisher of the Arlington Advocate, and Alan G. Adams, editor-owner of the Lexington Minuteman were elected vice-presidents; Herbert S. Austin, advertising manager of the **Townsman,** secretary-treasurer; Cyrus M. Dolbeare, editor-publisher of the Wakefield Daily Item, historian, and Gordon B. Seavey, editor-publisher of the Belmont Citizen, and Clark J. Samuel, editor of the Foxboro eporter, directors together with e officers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Kent attended the annual meeting and three-day outing of the Massachusetts Press Association held at Nantucket over the past weekend. A sail on the "Yankee" was a feature of the occasion. The island is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding charter this summer.

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**Journal-Gazette**
**RICHFORD, Vt.**
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# *Other Editors*

## NANTUCKET & VERMONT: SURE WE CAN DO IT

Editor Bill Slator
Addison Independent

Along with a group of Massachusetts editors and publishers the editor and his wife helped to inaugurate the 300th anniversary festivities of Nantucket Island. The Nantucket residents seemed to think it very appropriate that a Vermonter was in the party in view of the forthcoming 350th anniversary observance of the discovery of Lake Champlain and it didn't seem to make any difference that the Slators were merely guests.

From the moment of our docking, after a tension-filled three-hour voyage through a dense fog until we embarked Sunday afternoon the Nantuckians did their best to provide hospitality of the Vermont type. There are only about 3500 year-round residents on the island but a month from now there will be 18,000 plus. The plus is the unknown segment of tourists the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce hopes to lure to the Atlantic summer resort to help commemorate its anniversary.

Sightseeing, a visit to the whaling museum, a sail on the brigatine bark "Yankee" recently returned from a round the world cruise, chats with natives, summer people and fellow newspapermen filled the program between excellent meals and restful sleep. There were some rocking chair cruises interspersed with shop talk and the general agreement that rising costs are whittling down the margin of profits to a critical point and exploratien of ways and means to increase prices to at least the "break even" point. Rising postal costs are threatening many small newspapers, not to mention paper, ink, labor and equipment spiraling.

. . . After scanning the long and detailed list of activities designed by Nantuckians to lure an extra number of "summer people" to their delightful and historic island we wonder if Vermonters are really ready for the Champlain program slated to get underway only a few weeks from now. If tiny Nantucket can do it, then Vermont certainly can.

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**Advocate**
**ARLINGTON, Mass.**
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JUN 11 1959

# Mass. Editors Visit Nantucket Island

The Massachusetts Press Ass'n took part in the season—long observance of the 300th anniversary of the Settling on Nantucket Island.

Members of The Association spent the long Memorial Day week-end on the famous island, once the Whaling Center of the World.

Two local editor-publishers attending were James B. Dunbar of the Arlington News and Leonard D. Wood of the Advocate.

A business meeting for the association was held on Saturday.

Miss Dorothy M. Raymond, managing editor of the Melrose Free Press, was re-elected president for a second one-year term; James D. Haggerty, Jr., editor and co-owner of the Woburn Daily Times, Leonard Wood, editor-publisher of the Arlington Advocate, and Alan G. Adams, editor-owner of the Lexington Minuteman, were elected vice-presidents; Herbert S. Austin, advertising manager of the Wellesley Townsman, secretary - treasurer; Cyrus M. Dolbeare, editor-publisher of the Wakefield Daily Item, historian, and Gordon B. Seavey, editor-publisher of the Belmont Citizen, and Clark J. Samuel, editor of the Foxboro Reporter, directors.

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Courier
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JUN 4 - 1959

# WINCHENDON

Friends are pleased to welcome Mrs. Louise Cummings to her home on Front street, as well as the members of her family who come for visits during the summer months each year. Mrs. Cummings arrived from Lancaster, Pennsylvania the first of the week to be here for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. White have returned home from Sea Island, Georgia. They are entertaining their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Brown, Jr., of Wayzata, Minn. Mr. Brown has been attending his twentieth anniversary at Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Harmon 491 Main street, Shrewsbury, have announced the arrival of Clifford Charles, Jr., on May 1. Grandparent honors go to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Harmon, 38 Court Street, Winchendon and to Mrs. Mary McGourty of Worcester.

Editor and Mrs. Cranston D. Eldredge, 201 High street, and son, James H. Eldredge, M. D., of the Children's Hospital, Boston, attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Press Association in Nantucket over the weekend. They were Thursday night guests of Editor and Mrs. Gordon Seavey of Belmont at their summer home in Littleton.

Coach Warren Bentley states that the Tucker 6th grade team are the elementary school baseball champions this year. The team won all four of its games and defeated the 5th grade Marvin team last Friday morning at Clark field to win the championship, Marvin 5th being the 5th grad winners.

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Reporter
FOXBORO, Mass.
Weekly Independent
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MAY 28 1959

# Reporter Staffers At Nantucket For Press Conference

Editor Clark Samuel and Vincent M. Igo of The Reporter and their wives, will visit Nantucket Island this weekend, attending the annual meeting and outing of the Massachusetts Press Association.

The organization has been invited to the Island to help them kickoff their 300th anniversary. Nearly 100 members of the press group and their wives will have a busy weekend of activities at the Sea Cliff Inn, visiting historic points of interest.

Edouard Stackpole, curator of the Mystic Seaport, a Nantucket native, and authority on the old whaling days, will be the speaker at a seafood dinner Friday. On Saturday, a sail on the famous Brigantine Yankee is being arranged.

Mr. Samuel is chairman and Mr. Igo a member of the committee arranging the affair.

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Times (e)
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JUN 3 - 1959

# Times Editor Elected Vice President of Mass. Press Assn.

James D. Haggerty, Jr., Editor and Co-owner of the Woburn Times was elected Vice President of the Mass Press Association at the annual meeting last Saturday on Nantucket Island. Mr. Haggerty, a veteran member of the Association has served in many offices of the Association over the past several years.

The election took place at the Sea Cliff Hotel in Nantucket.

Elected President of the organization was Miss Dorothy Raymond managing editor of the Melrose Free Press.

Also serving as Vice President with Mr. Haggerty are: Leonard Wood, editor-publisher of the Arlington Advocate; and Alan G. Adams, editor-owner of the Lexington Minuteman.

Other officers elected included: Herbert S. Austin of the Wellesley Townsman as secretary-treasurer; Cyrus M. Dolbeare of the Wakefield Daily Item as Historian and Gordon B. Seavey of the Belmont Citizen and Clark J. Samuel of the Foxboro Reporter as Directors.

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Free Press
MELROSE, Mass.
Weekly Independent
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JUN 4 - 1959

# Seven Residents Attend Convention At Nantucket

Seven local residents were among those attending the meeting of the Mass. Press Association held on the Island of Nantucket over the Memorial Day weekend. The meeting also opened the island's 300th anniversary that is expected to draw a record number of visitors to the charming island 30 miles at sea.

Many members, wives and invited guests gathered at Woods Hole Friday morning and took the ferry to the island. Headquarters were at the Sea Cliff Inn. The party returned by boat on Sunday afternoon, arriving at Woods Hole at 6 o'clock.

A two-hour bus tour of the island was taken Friday afternoon, with frequent stops for camera enthusiasts and sightseeing. At the banquet Friday evening the entire board of selectmen, tercentenary committee leaders, historical society officers, town historian and the town's two newspaper publishers and others were guests. Saturday morning started with a walking tour of nearby historic houses and places, including a visit at the Whaling Museum.

Following lunch, the group departed for Old South Wharf where the famous Brigantine "Yankee" is tied up for the summer. They were greeted by the new skipper, Reed Whitney, and his wife and 10-year-old daughter, Martha. Captain Whitney purchased the "Yankee" from Captain Irving Johnson who made seven trips around the world before selling it about a year ago.

Perfect weather made the three-hour sail one of the highlights of the weekend. Captain Whitney cast off under power and then hoisted the sails, a beautiful and thrilling sight for his guests. Also on board was Tom Keith of Brockton, first mate, who sailed with Capt. Johnson on the last round-the-world trip. The Whitneys and Mr. Keith were guests of the association at dinner Saturday night.

Mr. Keith later showed part of his movies "Romance of a Sailing Ship", that he is now

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# TALKING IT OVER WITH THE EDITOR

*by Clark Samuel*

Nantucket Island, currently celebrating its 300th anniversary, has had many ties to Foxboro, as we discovered last weekend during the annual meeting and outing of the Mass. Press Assn.

The very hotel in which we were so royally received by genial Innkeeper Bob Lloyd, the Sea Cliff Inn, was erected in the 1850's by Erastus P. Carpenter, one of Foxboro's most distinguished citizens.

As a result of Mr. Carpenter's interest in Nantucket, many Foxboro people spent summers there working in the hotel or as guests.

Largest hostelry on the Island and now considered an historical landmark, the Sea Cliff Inn combines easy livin', good food, comfortable lodgings with a feeling of the past. Much of the credit for the relaxed atmosphere of the hotel goes to Mr. Lloyd whose broad and sincere smile is never lacking for guest or employee.

We hope to return again to the Sea Cliff Inn and recommend it highly to our readers as a fine place to put up at interesting and beautiful Nantucket Island.

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## Editors Open Nantucket's Anniversary

The Massachusetts Press Association auspiciously opened the Island of Nantucket's 300th anniversary, over Memorial Day weekend and set the pattern for a gala Summer's program in which islanders, Summer residents and hundreds of former Nantucketers and friends will be participants from now until late fall. The Association had an important part in the 275th anniversary celebration in 1934 and was invited to serve in a similar capacity for the tercentenary.

The members, wives and invited guests gathered at Woods Hole Friday morning and took the boat to the island. Headquarters were at the Sea Cliff Hotel, and the party returned on the afternoon boat, Sunday, arriving back at Woods Hole at 6 p.m.

A bus tour of the island was taken Friday afternoon, from one end to the other, with frequent stops. A banquet was held Friday evening at which the entire board of selectmen, tercentenary committee leaders, historical society officers, town historian, the town's two newspaper editors, and others were guests. Saturday morning started with a walking tour of nearby historic houses and places, including a stop at the Whaling Museum, where considerable time was spent.

Following lunch, the party was transported to the town dock where the famous round-the-world sailing ship "Yankee" is tied up for the summer, there to be greeted by the new Skipper, Reed Whitney, and his wife and 12-year-old daughter, Martha (they having purchased the famous ship from Capt. Irving Johnson, it will be recalled). The weather being ideal for a sail

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## Editors

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provided the party with a thrill of their lives when the ship cast off under power, then hoisted full sails for a three-hour ride in Nantucket Sound. Capt. Whitney and his family, also the first mate, Tom Keith of Brockton, who sailed with Capt. Johnson on the last round-the-world trip, were guests of the association at Saturday night's banquet and the latter showed part of his public lecture on that trip with his movies and Kodachrome slides. Among the guests at the dinner at the Saturday evening program were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Folger Webster of Nantucket. Mrs. Webster is the former Emily Boody, a daughter of the late Rev. Frederick S. Boody, pastor of the Wakefield Baptist Church, and a sister of Philip H. Boody of Lakeside, and Mr. Webster is a direct descendant of Peter Folger, one of the island's original settlers, who was grandfather of Benjamin Franklin.

Sunday morning, following church services, more visits were made to historic places and to the business center.

A brief business meeting for the association was held on Saturday at which annual reports were made, routine business was conducted, future plans were discussed, and officers elected for the new year. Miss Dorothy M. Raymond, managing editor of the Melrose Free Press, was re-elected president for a second one-year term; James D. Haggerty, Jr., editor and co-owner of the Woburn Daily Times, Leonard Wood, editor-publisher of the Arlington Advocate, and Alan G. Adams, editor-owner of the Lexington Minuteman, were elected vice-presidents; Herbert S. Austin, advertising manager of the Wellesley Townsman, secretary - treasurer; Cyrus M. Dolbeare, editor-publisher of the Wakefield Daily Item, historian, and Gordon B. Seavey, editor-publisher of the Belmont Citizen, and Clark J. Samuel, editor of the Foxboro Reporter, directors ,with the officers.

Among the editors and guests representing newspapers in this vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Rich of West Yarmouth, formerly of Wakefield, who have participated in numerous press trips and gatherings previous to Mr. Rich's retirement from the Item staff several years ago, and whose knowledge of Nantucket and Cape Cod is well known.

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**Friday-Sunday, May 29-31**

Massachusetts Press Assn., Sea Cliff Inn, Nantucket, Mass. Leave Wood's Hole, Mass., on 11:00 a.m. boat Friday; return 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Clambake, sightseeing, etc. Special invitation to NEWPA members. (Information: Clark Samuel, Foxboro (Mass.) *Reporter.*)

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## Mass. Press Opens Nantucket Celebration

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Assn. members, wives and guests made their headquarters in the Sea Cliff Hotel at Nantucket during the three-day visit. Features included a bus tour of the island, three-hour ride in Nantucket Sound on the famous round-the-world sailing ship *Yankee*, and a hike to historic places.

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If you keep your ears open when you visit a place you can usually pick up one or two stories that fit into the category of local color.

For example, during our recent weekend at Nantucket Island we were told about the old timer who ran a chowder stand on the wharf where the steamer from the mainland ties up.

During the summer, this old salt would climb to the roof of his eatery with a pair of binoculars. He would scan the horizon about the time the steamer was due to heave in sight.

The old man would keep his glasses glued on the steamer and if it was crowded he would let out a cackle of delight and yell down to his assistant, "Better put another bucket of water in the chowdah, Aaron."

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We always thought that women aboard ship were supposed to be unlucky and often wondered why the wives were permitted to take those long voyages aboard the whalers out of Nantucket.

Mr. Edouard Stackpole, Nantucket native and whaling authority, told us the main reason the captains took along their wives, aside from the company, was to save money.

It seems that during those long voyages, the wife of a whaling captain who stayed home could go to the owner of the vessel and draw out money against her husband's share of the voyage. Sometimes when the husband finally got home after many months of hard work and battling the elements, he learned to his chagrin that his wife had drawn so much money that he had little remaining for the hardships encountered on the rolling deep.

So many a thrifty mariner took the missus along on his voyages. Those skippers were among the ones presumably who became rich after a couple of trips. In fact, it was not unusual for Nantucket whaling captains to retire at 39 to 45 years of age with up to $100,000 salted away. That was big money in those days — and come to think of it — that's big money today.

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We noticed many houses at Nantucket with the famous "widow's walks." Mr. Stackpole corrected us when we mentioned it.

"You give yourself away every time as an 'off islander' when you call them widow's walks. Here the widow's walk is known simply as 'The Walk' ".

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We found the reason why so many of the old homes in Nantucket remain intact. You see very little "modern" architecture and hardly none at all of the gingerbread era.

That is because when the whaling industry died on Nantucket, there followed a long period of depression. No one had money to build one of the newer gingerbread or General Grant type of house.

Today, these old homes are an irreplaceable part of Nantucket's charm and worth many times their original cost.

Addison Independent
MIDDLEBURY, Vt.
Weekly Independent
Circ. 2,808

## *Sure We Can Do It*

Along with a group of Massachusetts editors and publishers the editor and his wife helped to inaugurate the 300th anniversary festivities of Nantucket Island. The Nantucket residents seemed to think it very appropriate that a Vermonter was in the party in view of the forthcoming 350th anniversary observance of the discovery of Lake Champlain and it didn't seem to make any difference that the Slators were merely guests.

From the moment of our docking, after a tension-filled three-hour voyage through a dense fog until we embarked Sunday afternoon the Nantuckians did their best to provide hospitality of the Vermont type. There are only about 3500 year-round residents on the island but a month from now there will be 18,000 plus. The plus is the unknown segment of tourists the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce hopes to lure to the Atlantic summer resort to help commemorate its anniversary.

Sightseeing, a visit to the whaling museum, a sail on the brigatine bark "Yankee" recently returned from a round the world cruise, chats with natives, summer people and fellow newspapermen filled the program between excellent meals and restful sleep. There were some rocking chair cruises interspersed with shop talk and the general agreement that rising costs are whittling down the margin of profits to a critical point and exploration of ways and means to increase prices to at least the "break even" point. Rising postal costs are threatening many small newspapers, not to mention paper, ink, labor and equipment spiraling.

Appropos of the proposed Vermont tax on hotel rooms and meals, it was pointed out that Maine, Massachusetts and New York have had meals and room taxes and have not suffered. The editors generally agreed that tourists and visitors do not switch their plans just because they face a five percent tax. Apparently the stories about the opposition by hotel men and restauranteurs merely picture wishful thinking and propaganda from the opponents. We paid the five percent on meals because we had to eat and the veterans predicted that Vermont will benefit but certainly not lose much if the tax is adopted.

After scanning the long and detailed list of activities designed by Nantuckians to lure an extra number of "summer people" to their delightful and historic island we wonder if Vermonters are really ready for the Champlain program slated to get underway only a few weeks from now. If tiny Nantucket can do it, then Vermont certainly can.

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## Other Editors

### NANTUCKET & VERMONT: SURE WE CAN DO IT

Editor Bill Slator
Addison Independent

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By PUNDIT

This past weekend, because of the Convention of the Mass. Press Association at Nantucket, we had a chance to change our weekend travel route by going South instead of North. While we have been to the Cape a number of times and thoroughly enjoyed it there, despite the poor roads you have to use getting there, we had never before been to Nantucket, one of the most interesting spots in America. It is so different and so interesting that if you haven't been there, you should give it a try, this year particularly, as they are having a summer-long observance of the island's 300th anniversary. Two major impressions left with us was the beautiful preservation of the historic town of Nantucket which, in addition to the whaling museum and other historic shrines, included the many early houses built by the captains of the Nantucket whaling fleet and the other impression was the miles of fine bathing beaches which run around the island and on which there was hardly a house visible. In fact, outside of the town of Nantucket

### Scene and Herd

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and the village of "Sconset", most of the rest of the land is left in its original haunting beauty. Because the season had not started yet, the Press Association had the entire use of the Sea Cliff Hotel which provided most attractive accommodations. Special guides and tours were arranged so that, in spite of the short time, the newspaper people had an excellent chance to see significant sights. It's a good place to return to.

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One of the features that interested us there particularly was a conversation with George Jones, Chairman of the Nantucket Historic Districts Commission. This Commission was established to preserve the historic areas in Nantucket, and upon it, many of the phases of Lexington's Historic Districts bill were patterned. The Nantucket Commission was particularly important as the Island's major economic support is the tourist trade. They realized that to keep this business and to increase it they had to save those attractions that made the island famous. This, they have done in spite of some of the same situations as we have had here. The public there have recognized that this preservation, outside of its sentimental value, is of direct financial importance to every citizen. In a somewhat different way, the preservation and the restoring of our historic sites could well give Lexington its badly-needed, additional financial income which almost every resident here feels is necessary to do the things we want, without radically increasing the taxes. It might well be that this sort of development would be far preferable to encouraging increased use of land in Lexington for light manufacturing.

# COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Each organization in the Town of Nantucket did its part in contributing toward the success of the 300th Birthday Celebration. This is exemplified in the efforts of the Nantucket Community Orchestra, which planned a series of three different concerts as their contribution.

The orchestra, comprised of busy Nantucketers, made time for rehearsals for an ambitious program for each of the concerts, and added greatly to the cultural tone of the observance.

# The Nantucket Community Orchestra

*presents its*

# Mid-Summer Concert

High School Auditorium

**July 30, 1959 at 8:15 P.M.**

# Program

1. The Star Spangled Banner *Arranged by A. F. Gaylord*

2. Washington Post March *John Philip Sousa* (1856-1932)

The "March King," at 21, was a violinist in Offenbach's Orchestra. He soon became bandmaster at the Marine Corps and then organized his own famous, world-touring band. His compositions include 100 marches, 7 light operas, a symphonic poem and 3 suites.

3. Sleeping Beauty Waltz (Opus 66-No. 5) *P. Tchaikovsky* (1840-1893)

Only at age 22 did Tchaikovsky's musical genius draw him away from the study of law and civil service in Russia. He then entered the new St. Petersburg Conservatory under Zaremba and Anton Rubenstein. This waltz is from his Ballet Suite.

4. Mississippi Suite *Ferde Grofe* (1892- )
   (a) Father of Waters
   Trumpet Soloist: Parker Gray, Jr.
   (b) Mardi Gras

Grofe is contemporary American, a composer of descriptive suites in which he employs novel jazz themes. Mississippi Suite is a Tone journey, from which we play two movements: (a) the moving current, with irresistible force beneath; (b) the gay holiday atmosphere of New Orleans at Mardi Gras.

5. The Old Refrain *Fritz Kreisler* (1875- )

Born in Vienna, Kreisler has spent most of his life here — an unsurpassed violin artist. Famous for his "adaptations" of Viennese folk-music which he attributed to manuscripts by earlier, little-known composers, he astounded the musical world in 1935 by revealing that they were his own compositions.

6. Malaguena *Ernesto Lecuona*

This number, in special arrangement by Ferde Grofe, has been called "One of the most beautiful of all Spanish dances." It is from the composer's "Andalucia Suite Espagnole."

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7. Prelude and Fugue, in D Minor *George F. Handel* (1685-1759)

Handel, master of oratorio, opera and cantata, was also master of instrumental writing, to which less notice was given. Dr. Hans Kinder has here adapted two generally unknown instrumental excerpts of Handel into a Prelude and Fugue in a manner to preserve the characteristic clear-cut style of the composer himself.

8. Theme, from "The Teahouse of the August Moon" *Dai-Keong Lee*

This popular stage and screen play was produced here by the Theatre Workshop this past season, with members of our orchestra furnishing the incidental, Oriental music, arranged by Estelle O'Grady. This theme, with violin, autoharp and gong was the background for the farewell scene between Lotus Blossom and Capt. Fisby and is rendered by Milton Zlotin, H. Brooks Walker and Frank Dinsmore.

9. Selections from "Babes in Toyland" *Victor Herbert* (1859-1924)
   "March of the Toys" and "Toyland"

Victor Herbert, first an accomplished 'cello soloist, became the composer of 40 operettas and a thousand other musical forms. His successes have established his as "the finest repertoire of light opera music ever written." "Babes in Toyland" is by no means the least of them.

10. Vilia, from "The Merry Widow" *Franz Lehar* (1870-1948)
    Instrumental Trio:
    Milton Zlotin, Violin
    Miriam Haskell, Violin
    Maud Jackson, Viola

In 1905 "Die Lustige Witwe" from its premier performance in Vienna was pronounced a smash success.

11. Lassus Trombone *Henry Fillmore*
    Solo by Walter O'Grady

Henry Fillmore was, and is, a thorough band man, composing and writing often under pseudonyms. He wrote a series of band music instruction books for high schools under the name of Harold Bennett and many popular marches. This number shows his fine sense of humor with the popular slide-trombone.

12. Fiddl'osophy *Clifford P. Barnes*

This little novelty number features the chorus of strings, pizzicato, in a lilting melody. Contemporary Mr. Barnes hails from the mid-West.

# PERSONNEL

- First Violin
    - Milton Zlotin, Concertmaster
    - Joseph Budina
    - *Emanuel Elston
    - Richard Mauldin
    - Cleona Miltimore
    - Mary Parmalee
- Second Violin
    - Miriam Haskell
    - Charles Jewett
    - Olive Pope
    - Freida Reed
- Viola
    - Tell Berna
    - *Maud Jackson
    - David Parmalee
    - *Mary Till
- Violoncello
    - Mabel Barber
    - *Edward Roberts
- String Bass
    - Joan Butler
- Flute
    - *Jane Borthwick
- Oboe
    - Philip Jensen
- Clarinet
    - Herbert Cabral
    - Barry Zlotin
- Saxophone (tenor)
    - George Allen
- French Horn
    - H. Brooks Walker
- Trumpet
    - Parker Gray, Jr.
- Trombone
    - Walter O'Grady
- Autoharp
    - H. Brooks Walker
- Percussion
    - Frank Dinsmore
    - Joan Kaufman
    - Robert VanArsdale

*—Summer member

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## *Nantucket Community Orchestra*

# *Spring Musical*

**MONDAY — APRIL 13, 1959** **8:15 P.M.**

Nantucket High School Auditorium

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### GUEST PERSONNEL

Choreographer .............................................. Kay O'Grady
Pianist .................................................... Florence Jackson

## Program

COLONEL BOGEY MARCH ........ Kenneth J. Alford

This stirring march is better remembered as the "MARCHING SONG" from the Academy Award winning motion picture, "Bridge on the River Kwai".

THE WALTZING CAT ........ Leroy Anderson

A musical tale written and dedicated by the composer to Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops.

HIGHLIGHTS from "THE KING AND I" .... Rodgers and Hammerstein

Outstanding selections from the Broadway musical, including "Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Hello Young Lovers".

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS ........ Tchaikovsky
from "Nutcracker Suite"

pas de trois — Mary Ellen Hennessey, Sandy Bornstein, Judy Sherriff

After months of training in the art of ballet technique, the students at last experience the joy of — first, being able to move rhythmically to classical music with technical skill; second, giving to the audience a part of themselves through the medium of the dance.

HONEY BUN ........ Rodgers and Hammerstein

sailors — Sabina Mulvihill, Anita Colantuno

From "South Pacific" comes this bit of musical comedy to brighten the heart.

WHEN DAY IS DONE — LOVER ........ Katcher, Rodgers

rhythm tap version of the old buck dance — Alfred Ventullo

The tap dancer, as a percussionist, beats out a steady basic rhythm with syncopated embellishments. Taps must be executed with clarity and the routine danced in a free and easy style.

SLAUGHTER ON 10TH AVENUE ........ Richard Rodgers
from "On Your Toes"

gay gadabout — Judy Sherriff
romance — Sandy Bornstein
calamity jane — Mary Ellen Hennessey

Three young dancers interpret through the medium of modern dance, the moods of jazz, romance, and exuberance.

## Intermission

PICNIC — MOONGLOW ........ from the motion picture "Picnic"

Sandy Bornstein, Mary Ellen Hennessey, Judy Sherriff
Soft shoe with a new look in swing time.

WHEN I'M NOT NEAR THE GIRL I LOVE ........ Harburg and Lane,
from "Finian's Rainbow"

the girl — Nancy Vose
the boy — Billy Maher

This modern-day waltz clog and song tell the old story of: "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not".

HOW HIGH THE MOON ........ Morgan Lewis, from "Two for the Show"

rhythm riff — Peter Renaghan

The tap dancer who sounds many taps on a surface with a minimum of foot movement demonstrates a tap technique called "close to the floor riff dancing."

FIVE FOOT TWO and VARSITY DRAG ........ Ray Henderson

flapper girls — Mary Ellen Hennessey, Sandy Bornstein, Judy Sherriff, Sabina Mulvihill and Anita Colantuno

The "darlins'" of the "Roaring Twenties".

NIGHT BEAT ........ Harold L. Walters

To anticipate what is happening here, just imagine yourself on a late evening stroll about Manhattan Island. As you go tripping along, your serenity is interrupted, successfully by (a) the rumbling and confusion of Times Square, (b) the mystic noises of Chinatown, (c) the dark and eerie waterfront, (d) the jazz of Harlem, (e) the strange import of the Latin Quarter and finally climaxed by (f) Broadway.

SLEIGH RIDE ........ Leroy Anderson

This old-fashioned winter pastime is brought to mind by the clip-clop of the horses hooves and the crack of the driver's whip.

MALAGUENA ........ Ernesto Lecuona
arr. Ferde Grofe

Taken from "Andalucia, Suite Espagnole". In the words of the composer—"The Most Beautiful of All Spanish Dances".

# Orchestra Personnel

**1st Violin**

Milton Zlotin, Concertmaster
Cleona Miltimore
Mary Parmelee
Richard Mauldin
Joseph Budina

**2nd Violin**

Miriam Haskell
Charles Jewett
Olive Pope
Freida Reed
Arthur Robertson

**Viola**

Tell Berna
David Parmelee

**Cello**

Claribel Jackson

**String Bass**

Joan Butler
H. Brooks Walker

**Picolo**

H. Brooks Walker

**Clarinets**

Phillip Jensen
Herbert Cabral
Barry Zlotin

**Saxophones**

Robert Kerby
William Allen
Clifford Allen
George Allen

**Horn**

H. Brooks Walker

**Trumpet**

Parker Gray, Jr.
Robert Leske

**Trombone**

Walter O'Grady, Jr.

**Bass Horn**

Walter O'Grady, Jr.

**Accordion**

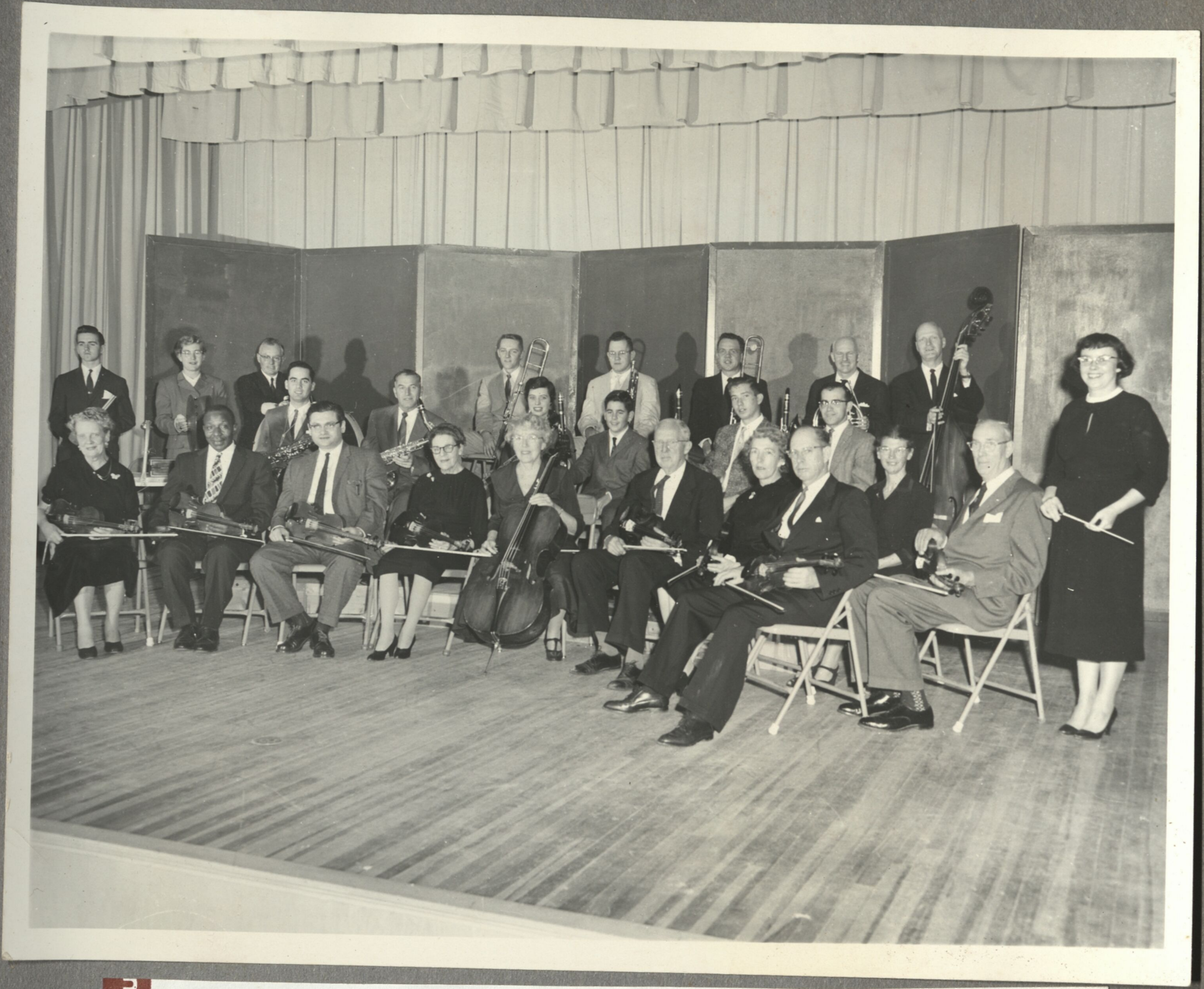
Joan Kaufman

**Percussion**

Robert Watson
Frank Dinsmore
Joan Kaufman
Robert VanArsdale

# Guest Personnel — Dancers

Sandy Bornstein
Anita Colantuno
Mary Ellen Hennessey
Billy Maher
Sabina Mulvihill
Peter Renaghan
Judy Sherriff
Alfred Ventullo
Nancy Vose



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The Nantucket Cummunity Orchestra

Back row: Robt. VanArsdale, Joan Kaufman, Frank Dinsmore, Parker Gray, Jr., Robert Leske, Walter O'Grady, Robert Watson, Dr. H. Brooks Walker

Center row: George Allen, William Allen, Jane Borthwick, Barry Zlotin, Philip Jensen, Herbert Cabral, Freida Reed, Mr. Pamale
Front Row: Mrs. Parmalee, Richard Mauldin, Milton Zlotin, Cleona Miltimore, Mrs. Barber, Mr. Berna, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Jewett
Standing- Mrs. Estelle O'Grady, Director

# The Nantucket Community Orchestra

and

# The Village Band

*present their*

# Summer's End Concert

High School Auditorium

**September 10, 1959 at 8:15 P.M.**

# PROGRAM

## ORCHESTRA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | The Star Spangled Banner | *Arr. by A. F. Gaylord* |
| 2. | Knightsbridge March (from "London Suite") | *Eric Coates*<br>*Arr. by Clifford DeMorest* |
| 3. | Ave Verum Corpus | *W. A. Mozart*<br>*Arr. by Charles Woodhouse* |
| 4. | Vilia<br>String Trio: Milton Zlotin<br>Miriam Haskell<br>Maud Jackson | *Franz Lehar*<br>*Arr. by Estelle O'Grady* |
| 5. | Siboney | *Ernesto Lecuona*<br>*Arr. by Merle J. Isaac* |

INTERMISSION

## THE VILLAGE BAND

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| 6. | Anchors Aweigh | *Capt. A. H. Miles, U.S.N. and C. A. Zimmerman. Arr. by Paul Yoder* |
| 7. | Die Lorelei | *German Folk Tune* |
| 8. | Turkey in the Straw | *Wood and Bannell*<br>*Arr. by Paul Yoder* |
| 9. | Peggy O'Neil | *Pease, Nelson and Dodge*<br>*Arr. by Paul Yoder* |
| 10. | Minstrel Boy | *Irish Folk Tune* |
| 11. | Down in Old Nantucket | *T. J. Ryan*<br>*Arr. by Estelle O'Grady* |

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## ORCHESTRA

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| 12. | Street Scene | *Alfred Newman*<br>*Arr. by Alfred Rickey* |
| 13. | Lassus Trombone<br>Soloist: Walter O'Grady | *Henry Fillmore* |
| 14. | On The Mall | *Edwin Franko Goldman*<br>*Arr. by M. L. Lake* |

## DOWN IN OLD NANTUCKET

*By T. J. Ryan*

Chorus:
Down in Old Nantucket
Where the ocean breezes blow;
To the dear, Old Mill upon the hill
We always love to go:
'Mid the fragrance of the wild flowers,
And the scent of woodland pine.
The Dearest Spot on all this Earth!
Nantucket, Boys, for mine!

Verse:
There's a dear spot called Nantucket,
It's an Isle far out at sea
Where the ocean breezes blow a gale:
Oh, that's the place for me!
The coolest spot on all this Earth,
In good Old Summer Time:
And for spending your vacation
It's a place that is divine.

(Repeat Chorus)

## PERSONNEL

- First Violin
  - Milton Zlotin, Concertmaster
  - Richard Mauldin
  - Cleona Miltimore
  - Mary Parmelee
- Second Violin
  - Miriam Haskell
  - Charles Jewett
  - Olive Pope
  - Freida Reed
- Viola
  - Tell Berna
  - Maud Jackson
  - David Parmelee
- Violoncello
  - Mabel Barber
- String Bass
  - Joan Butler
- Oboe
  - *Philip Jensen
- Clarinet
  - *Estelle O'Grady
  - *Herbert Cabral
  - *Philip Jensen
  - Barry Zlotin
- Saxophone (Tenor)
  - George Allen
- French Horn
  - *H. Brooks Walker
- Trumpet
  - *Parker Gray, Jr.
  - *Robert Leske
  - Donald Van derWolk
- Trombone
  - *Walter O'Grady
- Tuba
  - *H. Brooks Walker
- Percussion
  - *Frank Dinsmore
  - *Joan Kaufman
  - *Robert VanArsdale

*—Members of The Village Band

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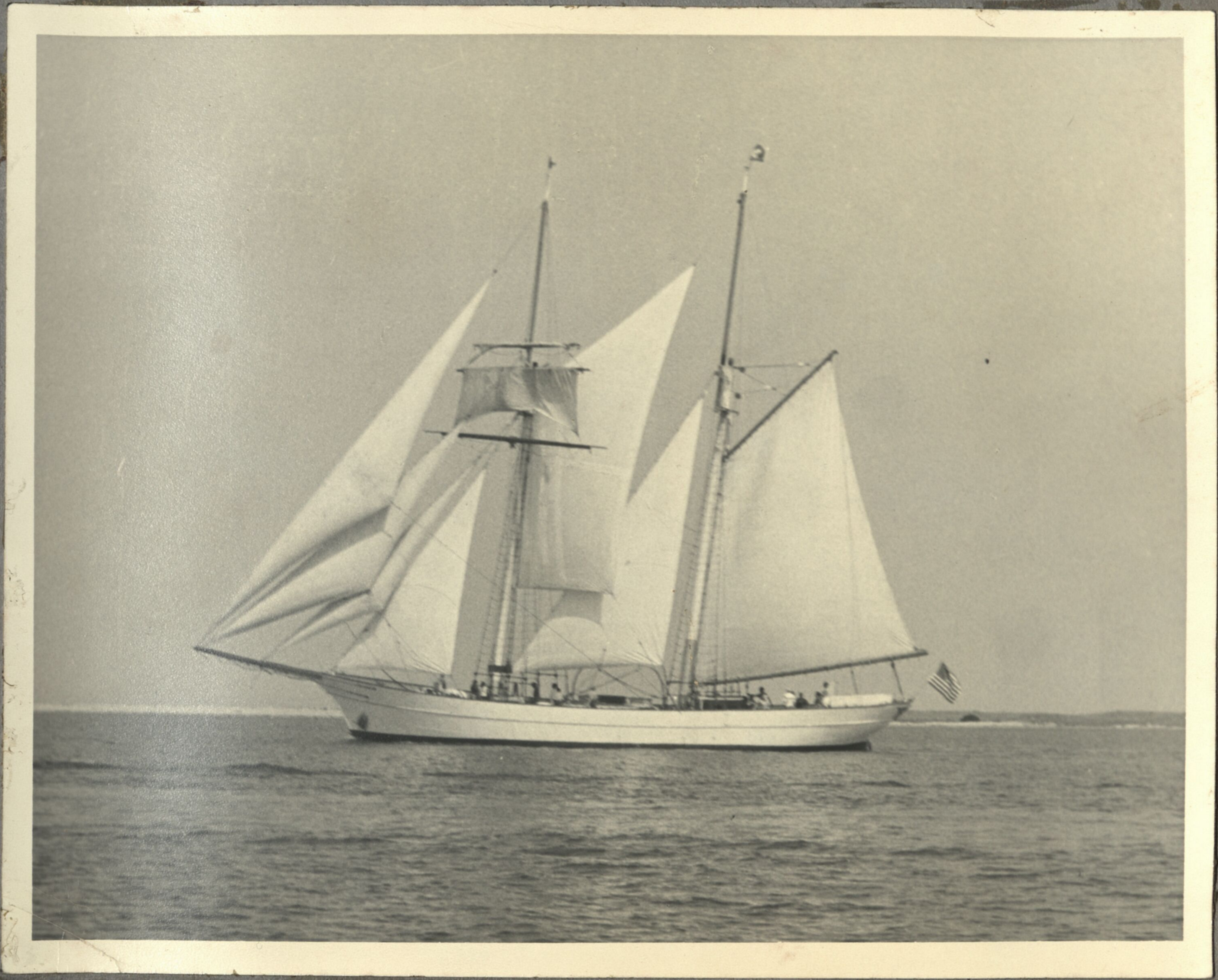
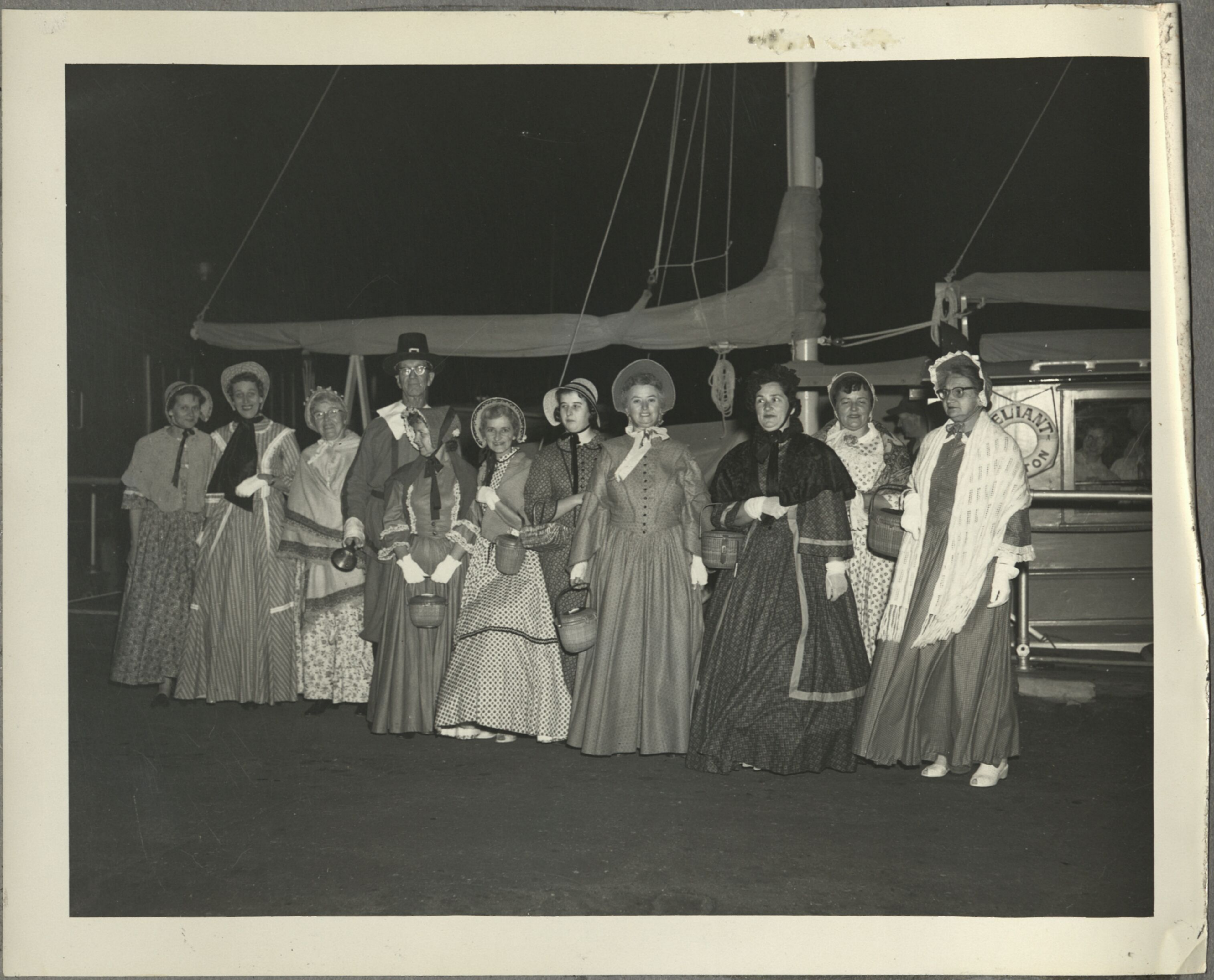
# THE BRIGANTINE "YANKEE"

The famous brigantine "Yankee" established Nantucket as its hail port in 1959. Always an attraction, the "Yankee" added greatly to local color by sailing often in Nantucket waters with its crews of Girl Scout Mariners.

Open houses were held aboard the vessel, and just prior to the July 2 celebration the "Yankee" carried many important visitors to Nantucket.

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# "Yankee" Unique School For Teens

by Clark Samuel

History is again being made on Nantucket Island but this time, instead of whaling, it is education with a new and fascinating twist. Most everyone has heard of the famous Brigantine "Yankee" for its trips around the world for groups of young people. Formerly berthed at Gloucester, Yankee's home port is now Nantucket.

Today, under Captain Reed Whitney, backed by a group of dedicated individuals and corporations, the Yankee Sea School of Nantucket has been founded to provide young people in sophomore and junior years the opportunity of a lifetime to continue high school studies with credits and at the same time see the world.

### Builds Character

The school's statement of purpose is, "We believe there is no greater builder of character than to go to sea in a sailing vessel."

The purpose of the Yankee Sea School is to give, under actual operating conditions, to a group of qualified and selected teenagers a thorough course in seamanship and navigation, handling of small boats, life saving, and related subjects. Important by-products or this course are an understanding of team work and discipline. The sea school is intended to be the climax of one or two years work in this general area.

The novel part of the plan however is something like this, according to Skipper Whitney, with whom we had the pleasure of talking:

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# Bay State Provides Variety

Summer vacationists find they must return again and again to Massachusetts, if only to familiarize themselves with the great gaps of history that remain even after many visits.

For those who have spent days in a walking exploration of Boston, Gloucester or Holyoke there is still much to be seen; and one cannot, in any brief period, get to know the harbor areas or the nearly 300,000 acres of Cape Cod, and can scarcely get the feel of Nantucket until the summer is gone.

Massachusetts is not unhappy with this situation, and it proudly announces that this summer is a better time than ever (it's been a little cool so far) to make the first trip, or to catch up where you left off.

### Temperature Factor.

Here are some reminders:

The water temperatures at Cape Cod will have some influence on where you swim this summer, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce generously points out. Waters of 70 degrees can be found along Nantucket Sound at Craigville, Falmouth and Chatham. A "more invigorating" sensation will be had on the Atlantic side between Provincetown and Orleans, but the water is not too cold for most.

The Cape, by the way, now has eight 9-hole golf courses and the same number of 18-hole courses—and more than 25 yacht clubs are available from the Canal banks to Provincetown Harbor.

Nantucket Island, now observing its 300th anniversary as a place of commerce and recreation, will have as a major attraction this summer the famous brigantine Yankee, which used to sail the coastal waters around there.

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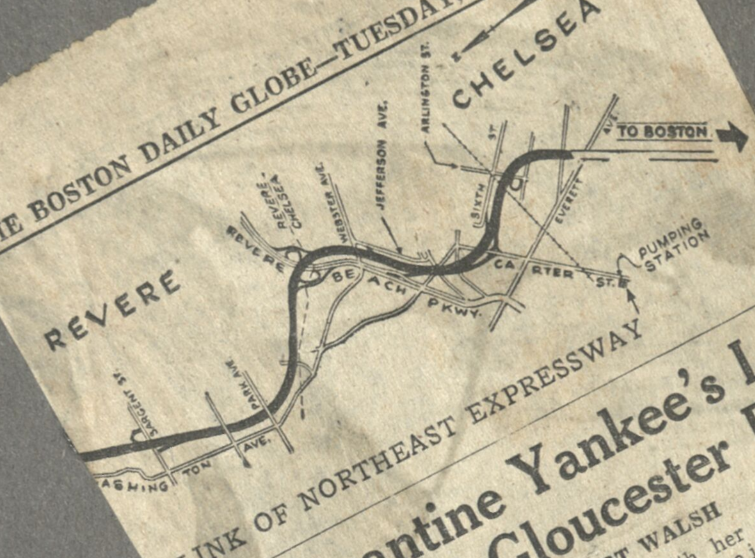

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# Brigantine Yankee's Loss Termed Gloucester Blow

By ROBERT WALSH

GLOUCESTER, Sept. 15—The passing of the Yankee is another blow to the hard-hit city of Gloucester that has already lost some of its fishing fleet, Robert Fischer, general manager of the Gloucester Marine Railway, declared today.

Fischer explained that the Yankee drew hundreds of tourists to the fishing port each year when she left and returned from her world cruise.

Gloucester is a one-industry town and lately it has been trying to build up its tourist business. "I feel this is a definite blow to it," he said.

With her sails furled, the brigantine is now at her home port apparently awaiting oblivion.

Fore more than half of what might be her last voyage all 11 of her white sails billowed in the breeze as she moved majestically from Nantucket to Gloucester on Sunday and yesterday.

A Coast Guard regulation is taking her from the sea, something that war, weather and time has failed to do to the 46-year-old steel sailing vessel.

## Passengers or Crew?

Skipper Reed Whitney said that the Coast Guard regulation hinges on a moot question. The question is whether the Yankee is actually a commercial vessel.

Since the end of World War II, students have paid to work as crew members on round-the world cruises. Capt Whitney says they are crew members. The Coast Guard says they are passengers.

**The Yankee is apparently doomed because of regulations that govern vessels carrying passengers. To meet regulations she would have to be refitted and brought to 100 tons. She is now 114 tons.**

Walter McGinis, a marine architect, looked over the ship recently and said costs would be prohibitive if not virtually impossible.

As the Yankee pulled alongside her berth two members of her crew were rather downhearted. Jay Hubbard, 18, of Mt. Pleasant av., had been promised a paying mate's berth and Herbert Jones of Hevras, Montana, had left a teaching position to join the crew in hopes of learning more about history and geography through travel.

## Found Bounty's Anchor

During her cruises the Yankee crews found and raised the anchor of the Bounty of the famous mutiny, at Pitcairn Island; took part in a whale hunt and landed the whale; located five uncharted islands in the Pacific, and took students to many famous battlefields of World War II.

Whistle buoys moaned their warning this morning as the ship neared a final port in a haze.

Built in Emden, Germany, in 1912 as a North Sea pilot ship, she was a war prize of the British in World War II. She then went on to become a good-will ship under the American flag.

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# *Nantucket Lifts Sea School Sails*

*By a Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor*

At least one Nantucket activity begun this year will continue long after the 1959 tercentenary festivities are over.

The tradition of the islanders as a seagoing people will be perpetuated via the Yankee Sea School for teen-agers which was incorporated in February, 1959. It will open this summer.

Formerly Nantucket was a prominent whaling community. But whaling is out of style here now, and the new school will emphasize the seamanship and navigation angle instead.

The bringantine Yankee and a headquarters on the island will serve as schoolhouses for the two-year, for sophomores and juniors in high school.

This 96-foot-long ship has been informally training youths for 25 years on the trips around the world and shorter cruises, Capt. Reed Whitney, pointed out. Recently the former owners, Capt. and Mrs. Irving Johnson, sold the boat to the New England Vendaway Corporation, which made it available for this new project.

Now adopting the Danish Windjammer's motto, the Nantucket school officials agree "there is no greater builder of character than to go to sea in a sailing vessel."

Its further stated purpose "is to give, under actual operating conditions . . . a thorough course in seamanship and navigation, handling of small boats, life saving, and related subjects," to the selected young people.

Under the direction of Captain Whitney, the Yankee will sail in Nantucket waters during the anniversary celebrations this summer, and go on weekly cruises for local Mariner Girl Scouts and other groups of young people.

In the fall—by about Nov. 1—he said he expects the school would be under way and another "sail around the world" would begin.

"We'll take about 40 students at one time in the school," the captain outlined. "Then we'll separate them into two groups—the first will go aboard the Yankee and start sailing, while the second group is in Nantucket keeping up with high school work and learning some practical training in seamanship.

"At the end of nine months the second group will fly out to Singapore, meet the Yankee, and trade places with the first group which will fly back and continue studying on land."

The school will be open to both boys and girls—and will not be limited to Nantucket residents, though one purpose of the Brigantine Yankee Foundation in Nantucket is that local youths can go around the world on the Yankee, he added.

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**CAPT. ELEFTHERIOS LAVRAKAS** of Boston welcomes Mayor Andrew Jarvis of Portsmouth, N. H., aboard as the USS Davis visits the Port City for three days recently. The captain and the ship's complement received a royal welcome by the city, led by Jarvis. Mayor Jarvis was host to all officers and wives who could make it, plus some of the Pease AFB officers and their wives—85 persons in all—at an old-fashioned clambake.

**CO-HELMSMEN ABOARD THE YANKEE CLIPPER,** which has traveled around the world, are Mayor and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis of Portsmouth, N. H. Jarvises attended the 300th anniversary of Nantucket Island recently as guests of Captain Whitney of the Yankee Clipper. Mayor Jarvis is wearing jacket of 100th Air Refueling Squad, Pease Air Force Base, of which he is "honorary commander."

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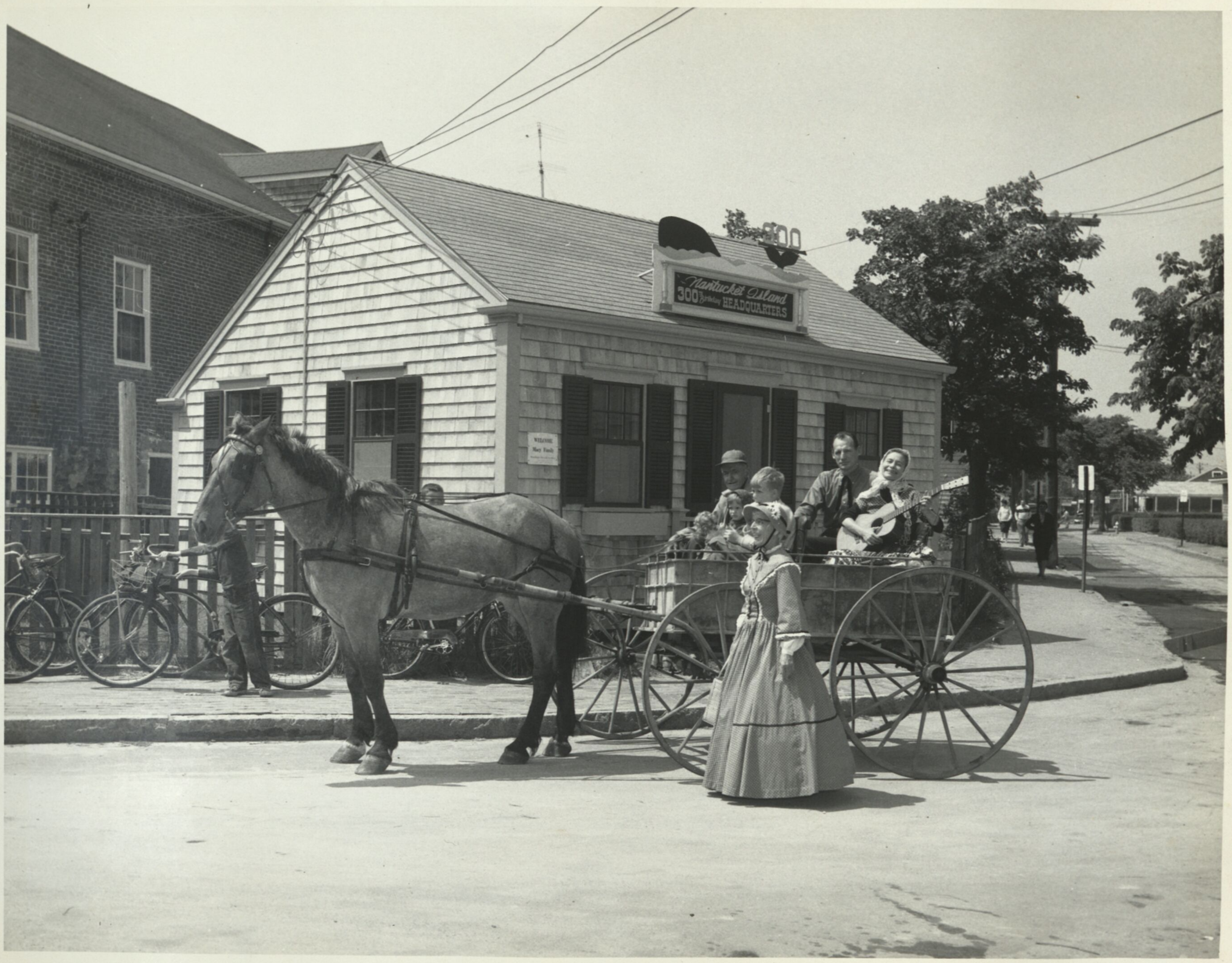
## OPENING DAY

The official opening of the birthday season was designated to be June 20th. On this day the Nantucket School Band greeted incoming boats, women in costumes of the 1800's gathered on the dock to greet visitors, and two Nantucket girls distributed pieces of old-fashioned pound cake to all. The cake was donated by the Drake Baking Company.

This day also marked the opening of the 300th Birthday Headquarters especially constructed for the season.

Sale of birthday souvenirs began on this day and continued throughout the summer.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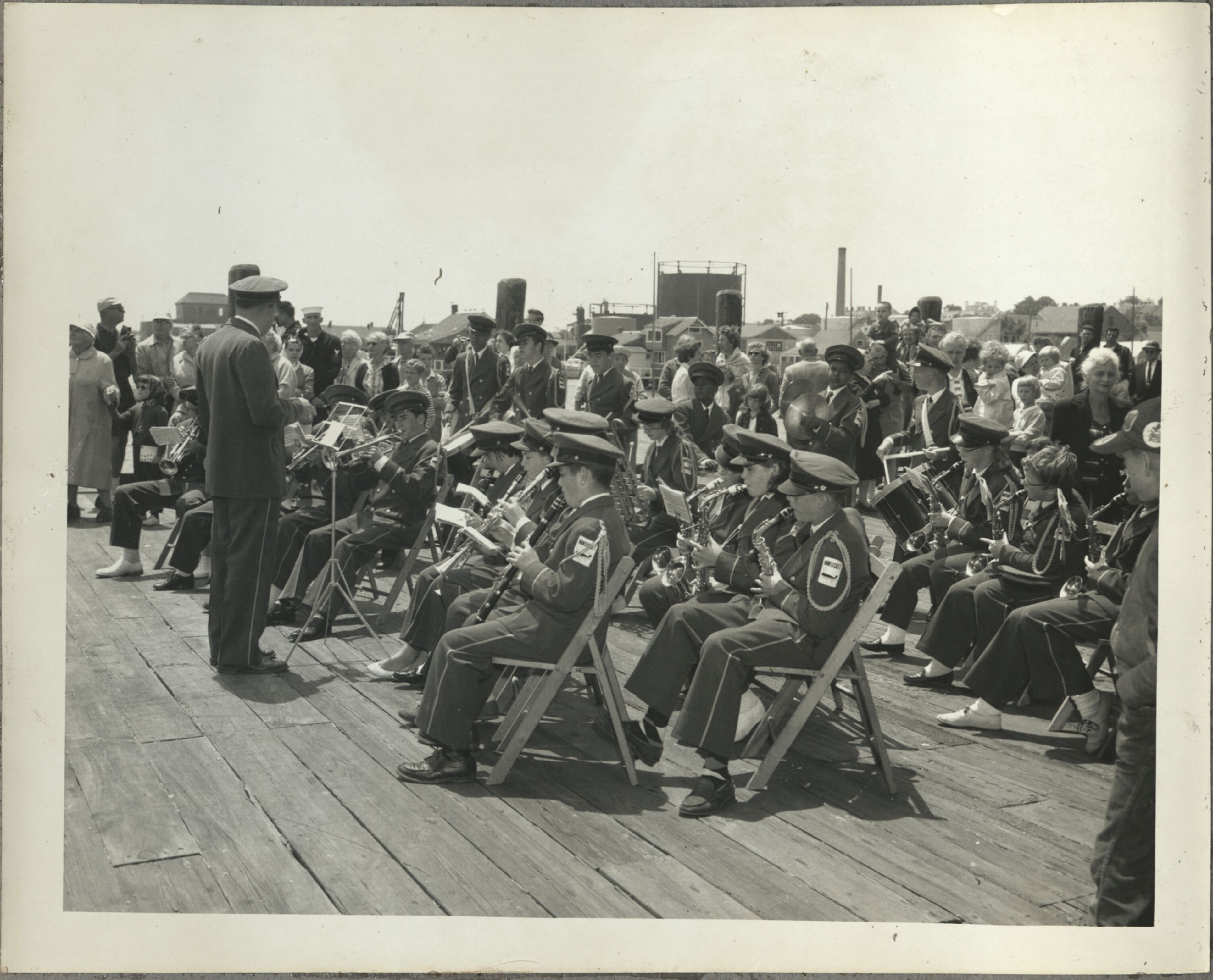

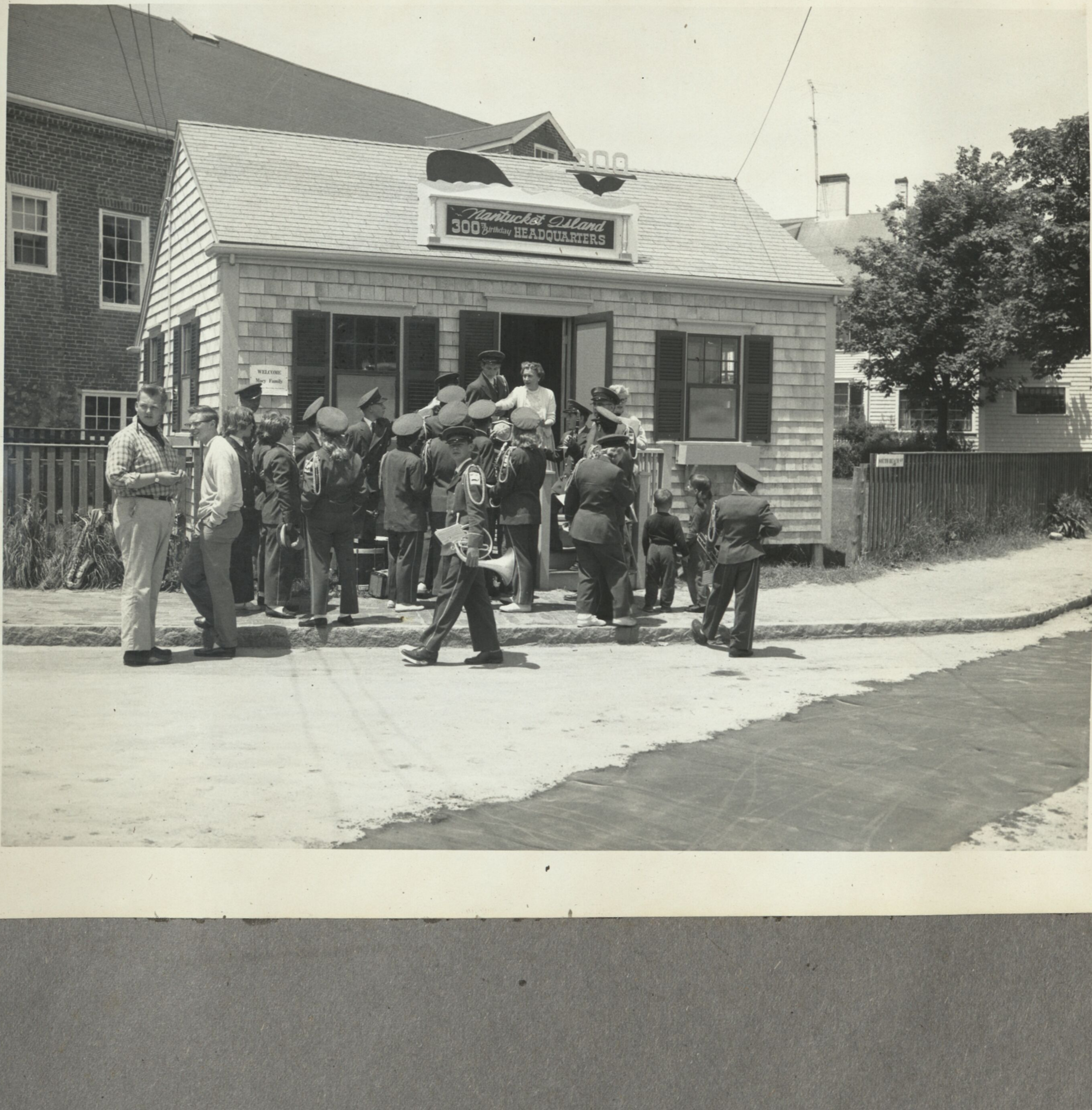
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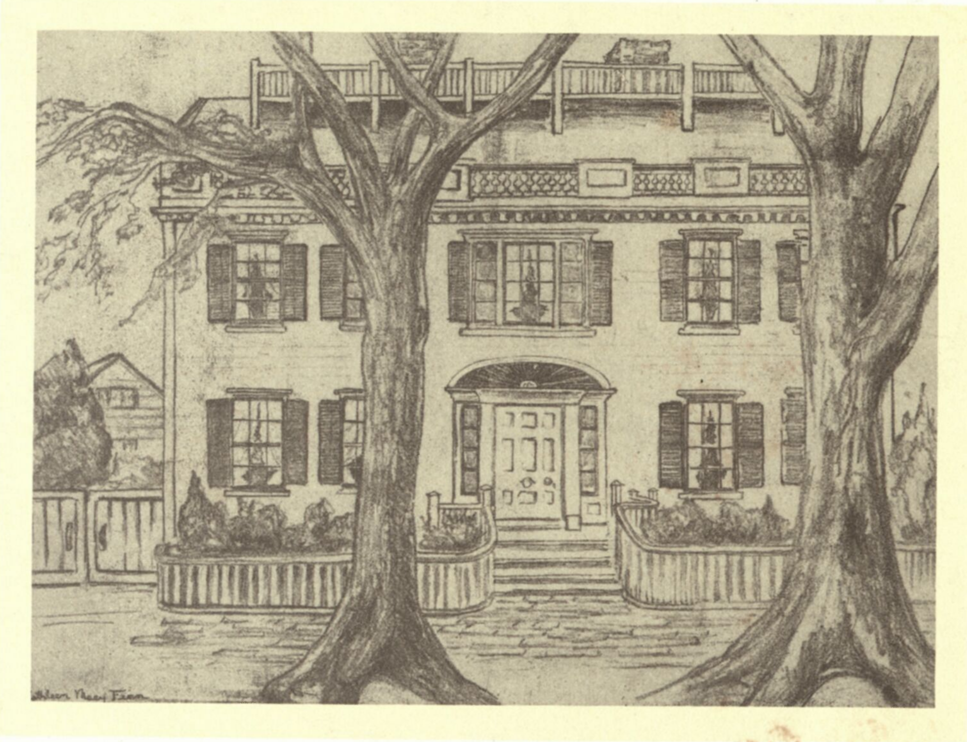
# FAMILY REUNIONS

Early in 1958 a news release was sent out on the wires of United Press International calling for descendants of Nantucket's first settlers to contact the 300th Birthday Committee. Newspapers all over the United States carried the release and replies came in from every state.

Plans were made to hold family reunions on Nantucket during the summer and fall of 1959, and ultimately six families actually held reunions. An estimated 1,200 descendants participated in these events, a good percentage of whom had never before seen Nantucket.

The largest of them all was the Coffin reunion. 416 descendants of Tristram Coffin dined together at the Sea Cliff Inn.

# Macy Family Reunion



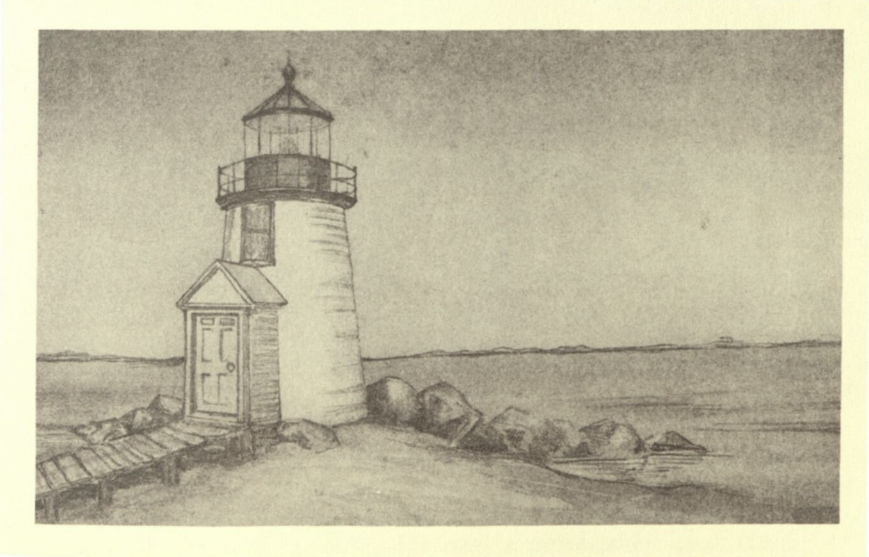
THE MACY HOUSE

*Nantucket, June 20, 21, 1959*

# *The MACY Family*

THE short sketch which follows does not even attempt to outline the history of the Macy family . . . a task which would be utterly impossible in the few pages of this program-brochure. Such a history remains to be written, for a definitive story of Thomas Macy and his descendants forms an important and intensely interesting segment in the development and growth of this nation through five wars. It would chronicle not only the life of hardy and independent men and women on a little island off the coast of Massachusetts, but the western march of the people in their struggle to tame the wilderness and conquer the frontier, and, perhaps most important, the growth of a merchant fleet, owned and operated by stalwart Macys which carried the flag of this new nation to ports on every continent and most of the islands of the sea.

Perhaps some day such an important history may be written, for surely here is a family to inspire the pride of later generations. Much of the basic structure for such a history, in fact, exists in the "Genealogy of the Macy Family from 1635-1868," by Silvanus J. Macy, published in 1868.



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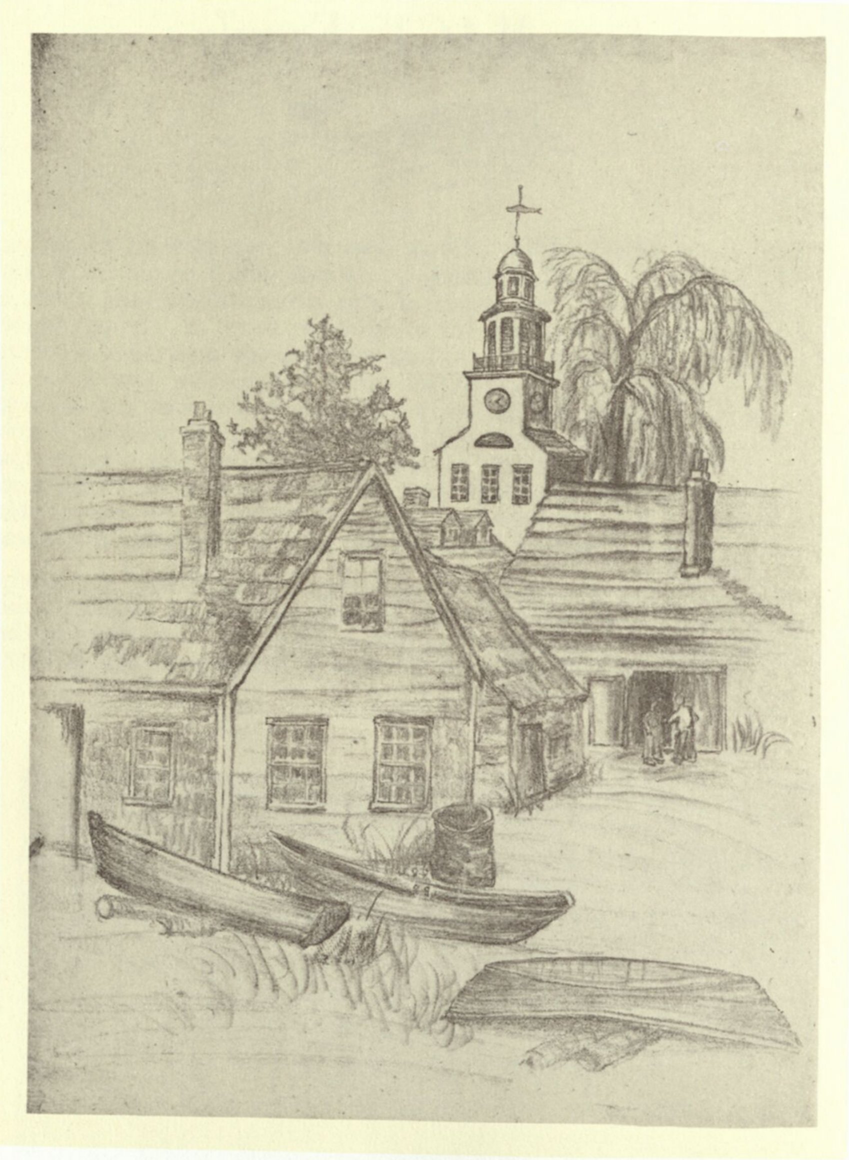


OLD SOUTH TOWER

This masterful and scholarly volume is not only a fine genealogy but also contains much of the historical documentation needed in the production of a formal history.

Born in Chilmark, England, Thomas Macy was one of the original settlers of Salisbury, Massachusetts, having established himself there in 1639. He was a Baptist and "would frequently on the Sabbath exhort the people." He held many positions of high honor and trust in the new settlement, but by 1658 the town had become bitterly divided between the followers of the Puritan church and the Baptists. The Puritans being in the majority, were able to pass many repressive laws so that Mr. Macy, who was a man of great energy and determination, concluded that he would not submit to bigotry and would seek a place where religion could be observed according to a man's own views. Accordingly, in 1659 he and nine others concluded a deed of purchase for the island of Nantucket. In the summer of that same year, Thomas Macy gave shelter to four Quakers (by Salisbury law a crime) and was fined thirty shillings and ordered to be admonished by the Governor. He resolved never to submit to such indignities again and accordingly decided to carry out his plans to remove to the island without delay. In September or October of 1659 he engaged a small boat and together with his wife and family set sail for Nantucket. Here were found nearly 3,000 Indians who received the family kindly and assisted them in the preparation of winter living quarters. So it came about that Thomas Macy and his dear ones were the first white settlers on the island of Nantucket. During the year some eight to ten families removed from Salisbury and joined the Macys in the settlement of the island.

With the sea surrounding them on every side, it was inevitable that the settlers of Nantucket soon turned to it for their principal means of livelihood and as early as 1672 the inhabitants had begun the whale fishing which was to bring fame and prosperity to the island. By 1715 there were six sloops employed in fishing and by 1775 there were as many as 150 vessels in the whaling trade.

The descendants of Thomas Macy were ever in the forefront of this adventurous life, if not as skippers of the whaling ships, then as ship owners, outfitters, traders in supplies and in sperm oil and whale bone. Many of them became known the world around wherever their sound little ships could beat a course.

For example, there was Josiah Macy who was born in 1785, a great, great grandson of Thomas Macy, and himself a skipper who followed the sea for many years, who founded the firm of Josiah Macy and Sons, of New York. This company's ships carried much of the commerce of the growing nation on the waters of the seven seas.

Then there was John B. Macy, born in 1799 who was one of the founders of the city of Toledo, Ohio. Later he removed to Wisconsin where he became a leading citizen of Fond du Lac and was elected to the national Congress in 1853. He was a personality long remembered in Washington.

*Continued on page 6*

# PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

**2 P.M. to 5 P.M. —** Reunion Registration, Lobby, Sea Cliff Inn.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

Reception Booth on Broad Street Opens. All Macy Family Reunioners may obtain a piece of Nantucket's Birthday Cake.

**9 A.M. to 5 P.M. —** Reunion Registration, Lobby, Sea Cliff Inn. Guided tours by Girl Scouts, details at registration desk of Reception Booth on Broad Street.

**6:30 P.M. —** Macy Reunion Dinner, Main Dining Room, Sea Cliff Inn.

### MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup
Fresh Garden Salad
Roast Sirloin of Beef
Whipped Potatoes     Green Peas
Hot Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake
Coffee

*Toastmaster:* Hon. W. Kingsland Macy, Islip, New York

*Floral decorations through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin L. Macy, Old Greenwich, Conn.*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Guided tours by Girl Scouts, continuing throughout the day.

**3:30 P.M. —** Concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, High School Auditorium.

**8 P.M. —** Concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, High School Auditorium.

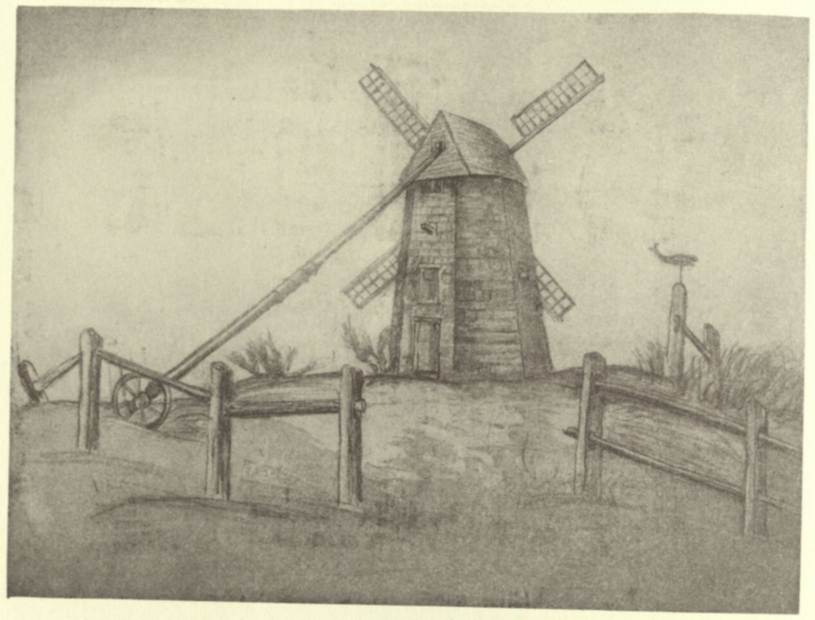
Tickets for both afternoon and evening concert may be obtained at Miss Stevens' Gift Shop, Main Street or from the Information Center, Broad Street.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Ample opportunity for visiting with other Macys from various parts of the nation. All island addresses will be available at the Reunion registration desk in the Lobby, Sea Cliff Inn.

A discussion of the possibility of bringing the family genealogy up to date will be held at the dinner on Saturday evening.

*Extra souvenir tumblers are available, packed in cartons of six, until the supply is exhausted. Arrangements should be made at the Reunion Registration desk. The price is $3.00 per dozen.*



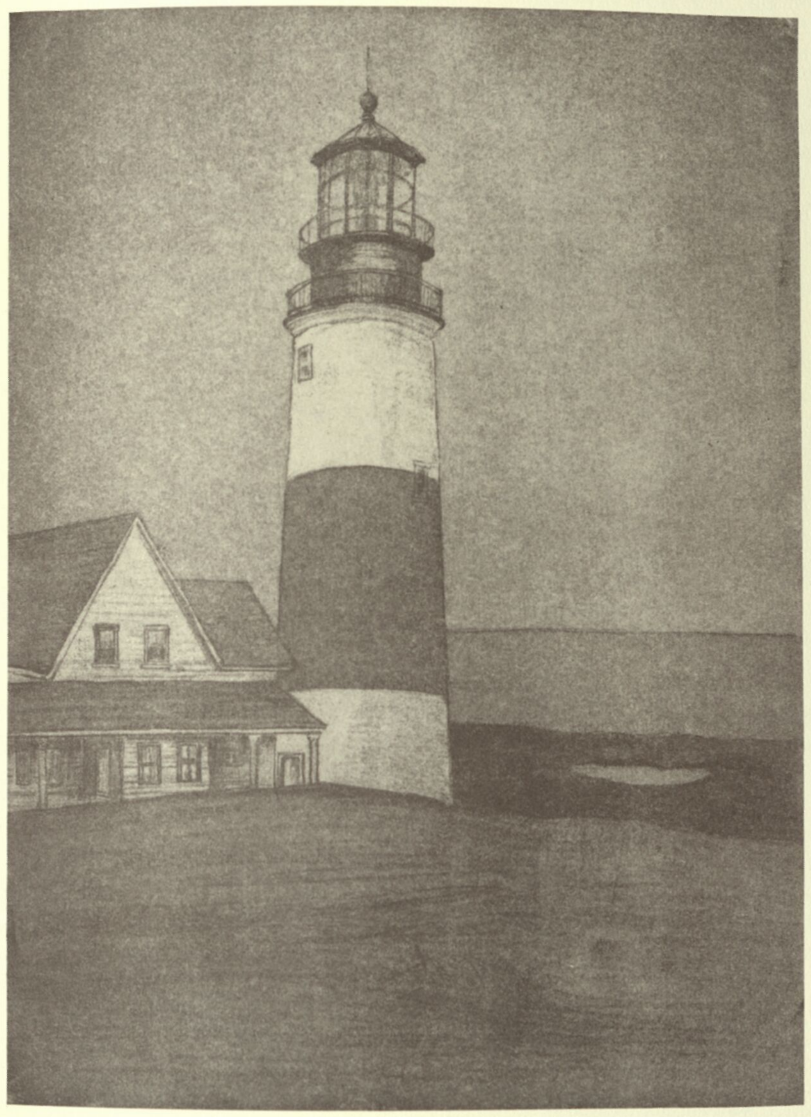
THE OLD MILL

Roland Hussey Macy, a child of the seventh generation, born in 1822, founded the great store in New York, R. H. Macy Co. He sold out after he established a most successful business unique in the history of merchandising. His policy of selling on a low profit margin, at one price and for cash has been followed to the present time by this great mercantile establishment.

There is also the enthralling story of Dr. Obed Macy, born in 1808 of the eighth generation, a practicing physician in Indiana, who set out by covered wagon in 1849 with his wife and family to seek his fortune in the gold fields of California. Experiencing almost unbelievable hardships along the way, including an epidemic of cholera which cost him the life of one of his sons, he finally won through to California where at last he prospered and established a branch of the family which still claims the West Coast as its home.

Another Obed Macy, born in 1762, wrote the "History of Nantucket" which he published in 1835 and which is still considered the authoritative history of the island to this date.

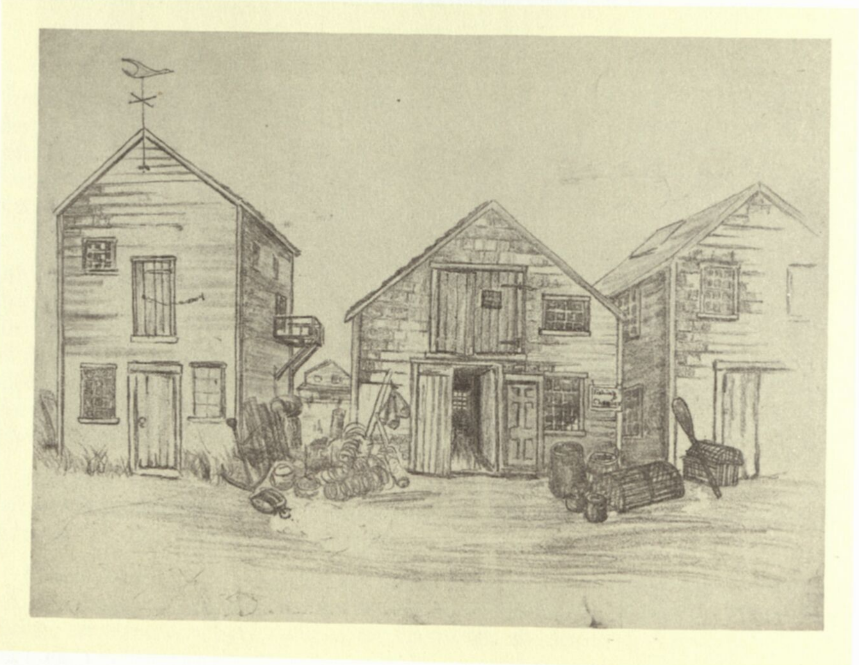
Other Macys left their island home to establish distinguished branches of the family along the banks of the Hudson River in lower New York State, in various parts of North Carolina, in Indiana, in Colorado and elsewhere.



SANKATY HEAD LIGHT

Among the present generation there are many who have brought further honor to the Macy name in politics, in the law, in medicine, in education, in banking, in journalism, in preaching the gospel and in business. Prominent among these later-day Macys is the Hon. W. Kingsland Macy, long a leader in Republican politics in New York State and a former member of the Congress, as well as the senior trustee of the Seaman's Bank For Savings. J. Noel Macy of Washington, D. C., and his brother Valentine E. Macy are newspaper publishers and operators of a radio station. Dr. C. Ward Macy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Dr. Harold Macy of St. Paul, Minnesota are internationally known educators; and Rev. Paul Macy of Chicago is a leading minister. All of these distinguished members of the family are listed in "Who's Who In America." Also the family boasts many distinguished men and women who do not bear the surname Macy but who are descended from Thomas Macy through the distaff side. And many of the family both with and without the Macy surname are also descended from one, and often more, of the other families, the Coffins, the Starbucks, the Folgers, the Gardners, the Bunkers, the Husseys and all the rest.

Surely the Macy heritage is one of which we can all be proud, a common bond that it is an honor to share.



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# Coffin Reunion

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# Reunion of the Descendants of Tristram Coffin

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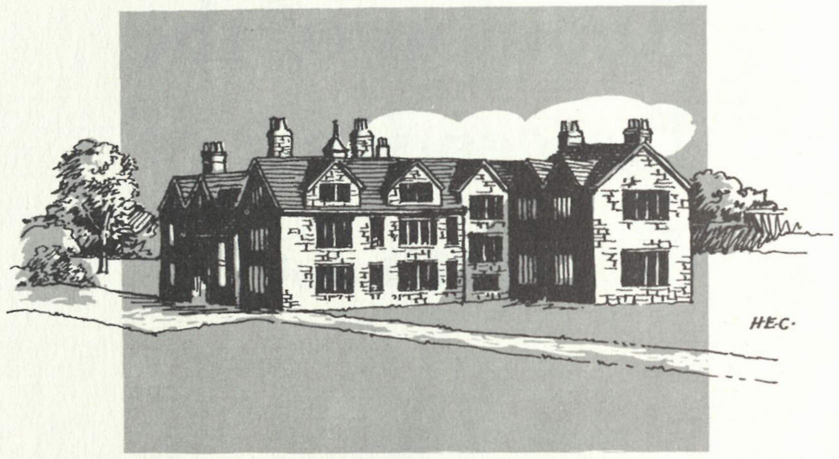
# To the Descendants of Tristram Coffin



*Portledge Manor*

*GREETINGS.* On behalf of the English Coffins, now Pine-Coffin, I send you from the family estate of Portledge, in Devon, greetings and best wishes.

E. C. Pine-Coffin (Lt. Col.)

*GREETINGS.* Speaking for both the Nantucket Historical Association and Nantucket's 300th Birthday Steering Committee I express their welcome to you. May you enjoy your visit to your ancestral home, make many friends while here and take away with you that urge common to all Nantucketers to return again at the earliest opportunity.

GEORGE W. JONES
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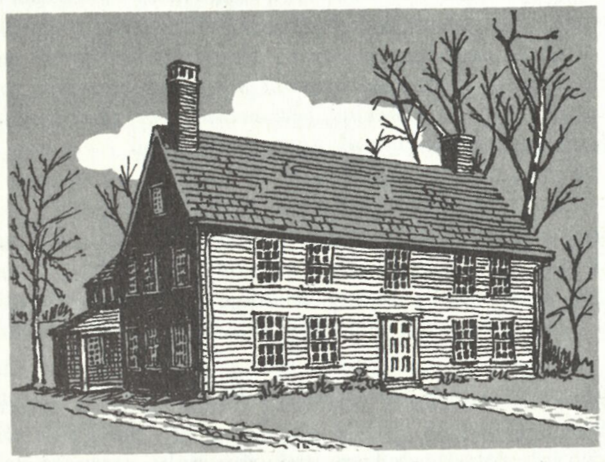

*Coffin House at Newbury*

*GREETINGS* from the Tristram Coffin, Jr. home in Newbury, Massachusetts, built about 1652 of which I am privileged to be custodian.

Although Tristram, senior, never lived here, it is safe to assume he was a visitor many times before going to Nantucket.

This modest old 17th century home, on its original foundation, surrounded by stately elms, is unique in that it has been preserved architecturally with only three major changes, the last being in 1850. The house is open to the public from June 15th to September 15th.

May I say welcome to one and all.

FLORENCE GIFFORD McHUGH
*Custodian*

# The Coffin Reunion of 1881

*In the summer of 1881, 500 descendants of Tristram Coffin gathered on Nantucket Island to commemorate the 200th anniversary of their common ancestor's death. Now, three quarters of a century later, as we are met on a similar occasion, we may find it interesting to examine the account of that meeting of our fathers, grandfathers and great grandsires.*

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A reunion of the progeny of Tristram Coffin was first conceived in the active minds of Allen and Charles Coffin, both of Nantucket. True to the family heritage of Yankee practicality, pride in lineage was not the only motive responsible for their plans.

Nantucket in the 1880's had long ceased to be a commercial power. Black gold had spelled out doom for the great whaling vessels several decades before and the only resource left the islanders was their original birthright . . . land. Allen and Charles felt a new interest in the island might be kindled in the hearts of their kinsmen if they were to visit their ancestral home. The time was propitious. Tristram's death had occurred almost exactly 200 years before. So they formed a committee and from it emerged the Coffin Reunion of 1881. The following is a record of the program of events.

At noon of the first day, August 16th, Coffins from California to Maine met at Surfside to start the reunion off in true New England fashion with a clambake. The Reverend Phebe A. Hanaford requested that Reverend Herbert W. Coffin of Plymouth ask for divine blessing before the guests sat down to clam chowder, baked fish and clams, lobster and watermelon. Allen Coffin, who was master of ceremonies, welcomed the group. Then, when clamshells, corn cobs and melon rinds had been cleared away, Charles G. Coffin, then 80 and generally regarded as the most venerable member of the family, called the group to order and introduced the featured speaker of the afternoon, Judge Tristram Coffin of Poughkeepsie, New York. Judge Coffin, long a student of Coffinana, set the mood of the occasion with a stirring oration in which he traced the family's history back to the days of the crusades.

Next, a paper on the ancient Coffin manor at Portledge, England, was presented by Mrs. Mary Coffin Johnson of Brooklyn, New York. Following this a picture of the whole assemblage was taken. A promenade concert at Atheneum Hall rounded out the first day of the reunion.

The group reassembled at 10 o'clock of the second day for memorial exercises at the Methodist Church on Center Street. An oration by Charles Coffin, historian and author, preceded a poem written by Robert B. Coffin and read by Judge Owen Tristram Coffin of Peekskill, New York. Following this Charles Fisher Coffin of Richmond, Indiana, spoke on the connection between the Society of Friends and the Coffin family. A poem and paper were read by the Reverend Phebe A. Hanaford of New Jersey and Miss Anna Gardner of Nantucket.

In the afternoon the group made a pilgrimage to the old homesite of Tristram Coffin and then broke up to visit other places of interest.

The third day saw the family together for breakfast at Surfside. An oration by Professor Selden J. Coffin of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, was the first item on the agenda. An address by Surrogate Owen Tristram Coffin and the reading of a poem by Dr. Elwell Jenks of the island followed. Next, two Bostonians, John Coffin Jones Brown and the Honorable Thomas Amory spoke to those who had not deserted the assembly to try their luck with bluefishing or were touring the island on the newly built Nantucket Railroad. An original anthem composed for the occasion and sung by the entire audience completed the ceremonies. In the evening the Coffins met for the last time as a group for a grand ball held at Surfside.

While Charles and Allen Coffin's dream of transforming Nantucket into a vacation paradise did not reach full fruition in their lifetimes, what they did accomplish was none-the-less remarkable for it.

In today's world it is a relatively simple matter to arise on one side of the hemisphere and retire on the other. Perhaps the price we pay for this technological progress is a somewhat natural inclination to lose sight of the efforts of the men who made possible the advance. If so, it might be well that we take a few moments to reflect on the strength of purpose that motivated the men and women, who, in 1881, journeyed many slow and difficult miles to a remote island in the Atlantic and that of the man they came to honor.

# Dinner Menu

Fresh Fruit Cup with Lime Sherbet

Roast Stuffed Turkey

Whipped Potatoes Green Peas Garden Salad

Cranberry Jelly Hot Rolls

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake

Tea — Coffee

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# Dinner Program

*Invocation*

REVEREND WILLIAM E. GARDNER, *Nantucket*

*Dinner*

*After Dinner Program*

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| Master of Ceremonies | VINCENT B. COFFIN, *Chancellor, University of Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut* |
| Welcome | CHARLES CLARK COFFIN, *Nantucket Chairman* |
| Greetings from Nantucket Tercentenary Committee | GEORGE W. JONES, *Chairman, and President of the Nantucket Historical Association* |
| Echoes from the Past | |
| Jethro Coffin House | MILDRED COFFIN EDGARTON, *formerly Chairman of the Oldest House for the Nantucket Historical Association* |
| Whaling | HENRY COFFIN CARLISLE, *member of the committee in charge of the Whaling Museum for the Nantucket Historical Association* |
| 1881 Reunion | ISABEL WORTH DUFFY, *Chairman of the 1959 Reunion* |
| Stories of Our Ancestors | DEXTER D. COFFIN, *Chairman of the Board of Directors, C. H. Dexter & Sons, Windsor Locks, Connecticut* |
| Presentation of Tristram's Cane<br>(gift of Miss Helen Coffin of Hartford, Connecticut) | |
| Voices Of Living Coffins | PATRICIA COFFIN, *Editor, Special Departments, LOOK magazine*<br>TRISTRAM COFFIN, *Author, Washington, D. C.*<br>RALSTON H. COFFIN, *Vice-President, R.C.A., Camden, New Jersey*<br>TRISTRAM COFFIN, *Television Star of "26 Men", Santa Monica, California*<br>HONORABLE FRANK M. COFFIN, *Member of Congress, Lewiston, Maine* |

# Historic Coffin Houses

The Tristram Coffin Homesite — off Madaket Road

The Josiah Coffin House — Cliff Road and N. Liberty Street

The Jonathan Coffin House — 52 Center Street

The Allen Coffin House — 94 Main Street

The Micajah Coffin House — 14 Pine Street

The Zenas Coffin House — 9 Pine Street

The Charles G. Coffin House — 78 Main Street

The Henry Coffin House — 75 Main Street

The Benjamin Coffin House — 98 Main Street

The Jared Coffin House — 19 Pleasant Street

The Coffin School — Winter Street

The William Coffin House — 18 Union Street

The Ann Coffin Crosby Macy House — 86 Main Street

The Lydia Coffin Crosby House — 90 Main Street

The Eunice Coffin Macy House — 99 Main Street

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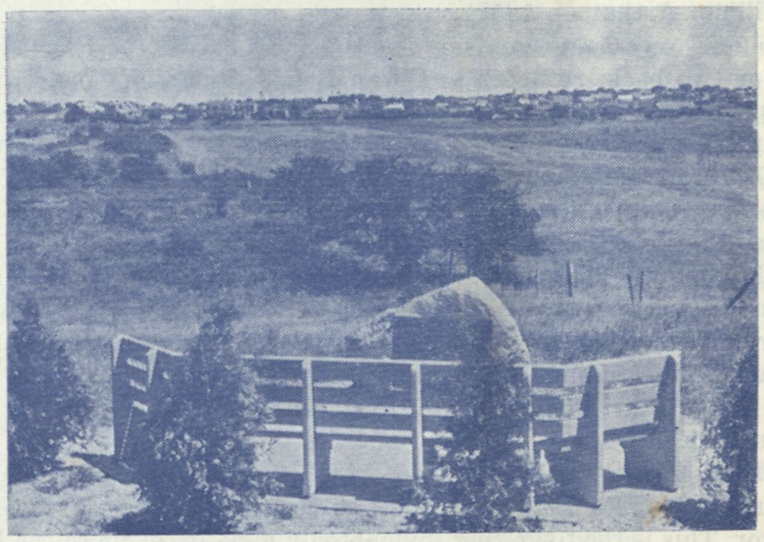
# REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER FOLGER



NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST 26, 27 and 28, 1959

## ORIGIN OF THE FOLGER FAMILY

The origins of the Folger Family are shrouded in the dim mists of antiquity, but interest in the family has caused a great deal of research and speculation. Even Benjamin Franklin made inquiry, and genealogical records in his handwriting still survive, but cast little light on his ancient Folger forebears. You can draw your own conclusions from the following excerpts from published material:

"Patronymica Britannica says of the name, giving preference to Foulger as the form, that it signifies 'a follower (Anglo-Saxon folgere), an attendant, a servant, a free-man who had not a house of his own, but who was a retainer of some "heorth-faest" or house-keeper'."

(History of Nantucket by Alexander Starbuck — 1924)

"FOLGER. Camden defines the name, 'Foulgiers, Fearne' (fern). Fougeres, local, a town in France, near the frontiers of Normandy. This town has given its name to a noble family. Raoul de Fougers fortified the town, and built the castle."

(An Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names by William Arthur — 1857).

"The Folgers were honest artisan people, said to have been Flemish a generation or two back, refugees in Queen Bess's time, smuggled out of the Low Countries with many thrifty, trade-skilled mates from Spanish Philip's oppression. . . . . John Folger was born in the Norfolk village of Diss, about 20 miles from Norwich. Not far from here, in the parish of Freyn, lived yeoman John Gibbs, whose daughter Meribah married this John. Peter was the son of their union.

"Some illuminators of American origins derive the name from Foulgieres, find it on the Roll of Battle Abbey, and seat plain John Folger's progenitors as gentry in Devonshire. However, it is not disputed that he and Peter emigrated from Norfolk. They spelled the name ffoulger."

(A Grandfather for Benjamin Franklin by Florence Bennett Anderson — 1940).

"In Brittany, a few miles from the sea, is the city of Fougeres, (pronounced foo-zhair). It is of Roman foundation and flourished before the time of the Conqueror. This is the town that undoubtedly gave its name to the Foulger family. Other families that passed with the Conqueror from France to England bore the name of the town or district from which they came.

"The De Fougeres were a baronical family descended from Alan, Baron of Fougeres in Bretagne about 900. . . . . The Barons of Fulgeres had many branches in England. . . . . The Rolls of Battle Abby furnishes us with Le Sire de Fougereis, and Domesday Book shows that he received a large tract of land in England in requittal for his services; and the Rolls of the Exchequer abundantly attest that he founded a family then, which either became extinct or became lost in the name of Folger."

("Walter Folger, Jr., a Biography in Preparation"
Proceedings of the Nantucket Historical Association — 1939)

## THE STORY OF PETER FOLGER

Peter Folger, our common ancestor, the son of John Folger and Meribah Gibbs, was born in England in 1617.

In 1635, at the age of 18, he came to this country with his father on the "Abigail". On this same ship was the indentured maid destined to become his wife nine years later.

He first settled in Watertown, but left there in 1642 to become the right-hand man to Thomas Mayhew on Martha's Vineyard. There he taught school, did surveying, learned the Indian language, and from there made frequent trips to Nantucket to improve the manner of the Indians' life and also to teach them Christianity. On this basis he established himself with the Nantucket Indians, and this was to bear him good fruit when the matter of purchasing land from the Indians came up. Only Peter could arrange for this transaction.

Thereafter he became dissatisfied with life on Martha's Vineyard and moved to Rhode Island to join Roger Williams, but again conditions did not develop to his liking.

Meanwhile on Nantucket the early settlers were becoming hard put to continue their organization, and Peter was therefore requested, in a letter signed by most of the Island's inhabitants, to come to the Island and settle on a piece of land to be given to him. In return, he would be expected to officiate as miller, weaver, teacher, interpreter of the Indian language, and surveyor. This invitation was most welcome to Peter and he, therefore, moved his family to Nantucket in 1663.

Thus, Peter Folger became the most useful man on Nantucket, without whom its history could well have been quite different.

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In 1644 he married Mary Morrils, having paid the Reverend Hugh Peters 20 pounds for the unexpired portion of her bound service. This, he was later to declare, was the best bargain he had ever made.

From this union there were seven daughters and two sons, namely:

Joanna (married John Coleman)
Bethiah (married John Barnard)
Dorcas (married Joseph Pratt)
Eleazer (married Sarah Gardner; children: Eleazer, Jr., Peter, Sarah, Mary, Nathan, Daniel, Elisha)
Bathsheba (married John Pope)
Patience (married first, Ebenezer Harker; second, James Gardner)
John (married Mary Barnard; children: Jethro, Bethiah?, Nathaniel, Jonathan, Richard, Shubael, Abigail, Zaccheus, Hannah)
Experience (married John Swain, Jr.)
Abiah (married Josiah Franklin)

# Program

Wednesday, August 26

9 A.M. to 4 P.M. — Reunion Registration
Exhibits, Nantucket Literature, Genealogy
Reception Room — Gordon Folger Hotel

*2:30 to 4:30 P.M. — Open Houses
8 Howard St. — Residence of The Misses Monaghan
153 Main St. — Residence of Mrs. Louise E. Glass
1 Vestal St. — Birthplace of Maria Mitchell
112 Main St. — Residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Webster
72 Main St. — Wallace Hall, Property of Nantucket Historical Trust

*8:30 P.M. — Colored Movie and Lecture by Ruth Ley
"Nantucket — Island of the Whalers"
Unitarian Church — Orange St.

Thursday, August 27

‡9:45 A.M. — Group Photograph
Old Folger Homestead — 153 Main St.

‡10:15 A.M. — Dedication Ceremony at Folger-Franklin Seat and Memorial Boulder
Madaket Road near Abiah Folger Franklin Fountain
Remarks — Franklin Folger Webster
Dedication — Reverend Harry Paine Folger, 2nd

P.M. — Free Time

¶7:30 P.M. — Folger Family Reunion Dinner
Main Dining Room — Sea Cliff Inn

DINNER MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup with Lime Sherbet
Tossed Green Salad
Roast Stuffed Turkey
Whipped Potatoes　Green Peas
Cranberry Jelly　Hot Rolls
Strawberry Shortcake
Tea　Folger Coffee

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*—Admission by Identification Badge

‡—Free transportation will be provided to members of the Reunion to the Old Folger Homestead, thence to the Ceremony at the Folger-Franklin Seat and Memorial Boulder, and return. Busses will leave from the bus office, 2 South Water St., promptly at 9:15, and the Gordon Folger Hotel at 9:20 returning at 11:00.

¶—Admission by Dinner Ticket

# Program

## DINNER

Invocation
Reverend Harry Paine Folger, 2nd, Minister,
First Church of Winthrop, Methodist, Winthrop, Mass.

Dinner

After-Dinner Program

Master of Ceremonies
Franklin Folger Webster, Nantucket, Mass.

About the Reunion
Mrs. Dorothy Folger Rowley, Chairman, Richmond, Va

Highlights and Oddities of Nantucket History
Franklin Folger Webster

Nantucket Anecdotes
Joseph Butler Folger, Jr., Professor of Romance Languages, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.

Informal Remarks from the Floor
Members of the Reunion

An Off-Islander Looks at Nantucket and the Reunion
Reverend Harry Paine Folger, 2nd

Closing Remarks
Franklin Folger Webster

Benediction
Reverend Harry Paine Folger, 2nd

Friday, August 28

A.M. — Free Time
— You might like to attend an auction of antiques, household goods and objects of art, which was postponed from the Main Street Fete to coincide with our reunion. This will start at 10 A.M. at Wallace Hall, 72 Main St.

*3:30 to 5 P.M. — Informal Social Hour
41 India St. — Residence of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Folger

## PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE FOLGER FAMILY

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1706-1790). Grandson of Peter Folger.

CAPT. TIMOTHY FOLGER (1732-1814). First charted the Gulf Stream.

WALTER FOLGER, JR. (1765-1849). A great astronomer, mathematician, civil engineer, writer, lawyer, and statesman. Represented this district of Mass. in Congress for four years. In 1790 made a remarkable astronomical clock, which is still running at the Nantucket Historical Museum.

CAPT. MAYHEW FOLGER (1774- ? ). While in command of the ship "Topaz" in the South Pacific in 1808 sighted an island supposed to have been uninhabited. Being short of water he went ashore and was astonished to learn he had found the hiding place of the mutineers of H.M.S. Bounty.

WILLIAM MITCHELL (1792-1869). Principal of Nantucket's first public school, member of the State Senate, an overseer of Harvard College, cashier of the Pacific Bank. Mathematician. Father of Maria Mitchell.

LUCRETIA FOLGER COFFIN MOTT (1793-1880). The earliest champion of woman suffrage. Her portrait appears on a three-cent stamp issued in 1948. She was an approved minister of the Society of Friends.

ANNA GARDNER (1816-1901). At the age of 25 was instrumental in calling an anti-slavery convention in Nantucket. After the Civil War she was one of the first teachers of freedmen in North and South Carolina and Virginia, remaining in the South until 1878. She was an able writer of prose and verse and published a volume of poems in 1881.

MARIA MITCHELL (1818-1889). Professor of Astronomy at Vassar College. In 1847 she discovered a comet that bears her name, and for this discovery received a gold medal from the King of Denmark. In 1922 a bronze bust of Maria Mitchell was unveiled in the Hall of Fame, New York University.

CHARLES JAMES FOLGER (1818-1884). Secretary of the United States Treasury and later candidate for Governor of New York.

PHEBE ANN HANAFORD (1829-1921). The first woman pastor in New England. She was noted as a Universalist minister, Lyceum lecturer, author and editor, ardent champion of anti-slavery, temperance, social reform and women's rights.

JAMES ATHEARN FOLGER (1835-1889). Founder, Folger Coffee Co.

HENRY CLAY FOLGER, JR. (1857-1930). President of Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. Donated and endowed Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D. C., one of the most effective collections in the world for study of various aspects of Western civilization from about 1485 to 1715.

THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE (1859-1926). Famous penologist and reformer of prisons.

WALTER FOLGER BROWN (1869- ). Former Postmaster-General in President Hoover's administration.

JOHN CLIFFORD FOLGER (1896- ). U. S. Ambassador to Belgium.

FRANKLIN FOLGER ( - ). Nationally syndicated cartoonist of "The Girls".

## AT THE REUNION

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| (Mary Marsh) | |
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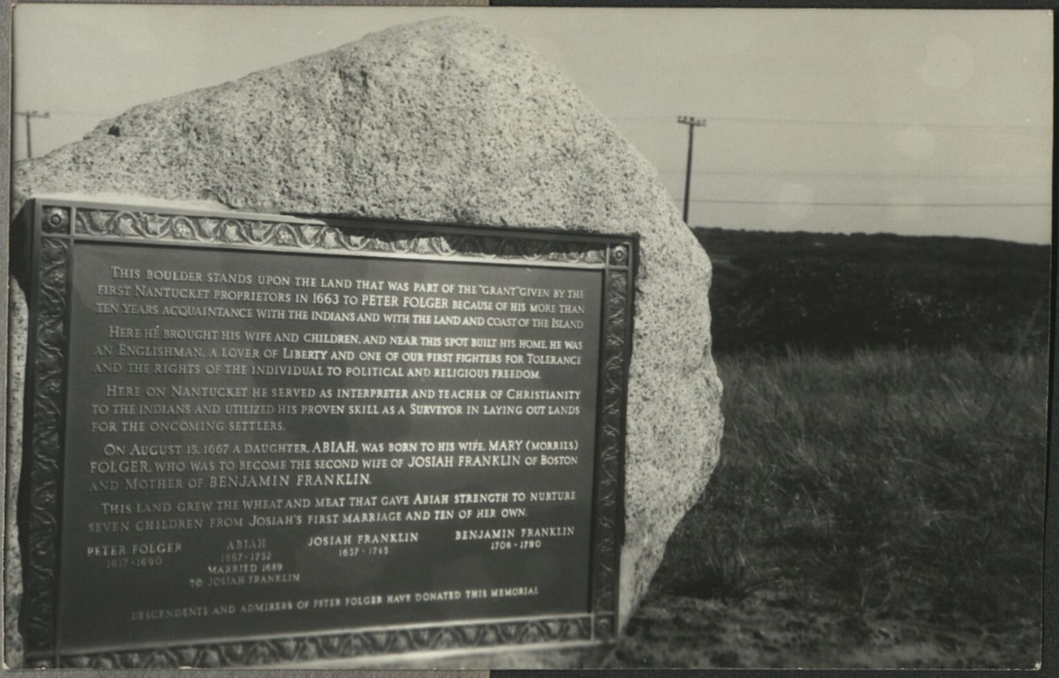
| Peter Folger Hammond | |



THIS BOULDER STANDS UPON THE LAND THAT WAS PART OF THE "GRANT" GIVEN BY THE FIRST NANTUCKET PROPRIETORS IN 1663 TO PETER FOLGER BECAUSE OF HIS MORE THAN TEN YEARS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE INDIANS AND WITH THE LAND AND COAST OF THE ISLAND.

HERE HE BROUGHT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND NEAR THIS SPOT BUILT HIS HOME. HE WAS AN ENGLISHMAN, A LOVER OF LIBERTY AND ONE OF OUR FIRST FIGHTERS FOR TOLERANCE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

HERE ON NANTUCKET HE SERVED AS INTERPRETER AND TEACHER OF CHRISTIANITY TO THE INDIANS AND UTILIZED HIS PROVEN SKILL AS A SURVEYOR IN LAYING OUT LANDS FOR THE ONCOMING SETTLERS.

ON AUGUST 15, 1667 A DAUGHTER, ABIAH, WAS BORN TO HIS WIFE, MARY (MORRILS) FOLGER, WHO WAS TO BECOME THE SECOND WIFE OF JOSIAH FRANKLIN OF BOSTON AND MOTHER OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

THIS LAND GREW THE WHEAT AND MEAT THAT GAVE ABIAH STRENGTH TO NURTURE SEVEN CHILDREN FROM JOSIAH'S FIRST MARRIAGE AND TEN OF HER OWN.

PETER FOLGER
1617-1690

ABIAH
1667-1752
MARRIED 1689
TO JOSIAH FRANKLIN

JOSIAH FRANKLIN
1657-1745

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
1706-1790

DESCENDENTS AND ADMIRERS OF PETER FOLGER HAVE DONATED THIS MEMORIAL

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# The Empire of Nantucket in the South Seas

### By WILLIAM K. ZINSSER

NANTUCKET announced the other day that it is looking for the descendants of its original eleven families. They are wanted for the island's 300th anniversary celebration next year.

The mind reels at how widely these men and women may now be scattered across the globe. When America itself was young, whalers from Nantucket were rounding the perilous Horn and making landfalls in the South Seas and on the coast of Asia. Nantucketers discovered hundreds of islands where the natives had never seen a white man, and at least two dozen Pacific islands and reefs are named for them. It was a Nantucket captain who found the last of the "Bounty" mutineers and their wives and children on lonely Pitcairn Island in 1808, ending a mystery of eighteen years.

By 1819, sixty-one whaling ships were out of Nantucket on their long and restless searches. The men were killed by pirates, eaten by cannibals, wrecked on coral reefs and stricken by alien diseases. Still, many whalers kept going back until they were old men, lured by dreams of adventure and wealth. Nor were these dreams outlandish. The "Sarah," in 1830, came home to Nantucket with almost $100,000 of "greasy luck."

Herman Melville, who put into Nantucket in his own whaling days, rhapsodized in "Moby Dick" about "these naked Nantucketers, issuing from their ant-hill in the sea," who have "overrun and conquered the world like so many Alexanders, parceling out among them the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Let America add Mexico to Texas; let the English overswarm all India and hang out their blazing banner from the sun; two-thirds of this terraqueous globe are the Nantucketers'. For the sea is his; he owns it as emperors own empires, other seamen having but a right of way through it."

When the naked Nantucketers returned to their tiny island, so much more barren than the ones they had seen in the South Seas, they brought home incredible [illegible]les and objects—gaudy shells, which the ladies wore, and Oriental spices, which they used in cooking. These strange objects are still in the whaling museum in Nantucket, along with oil portraits of the stern Quaker captains who sailed the terraqueous globe. The stately homes that these captains built along the cobbled main street also remain as relics of the money that they won at sea, when whale oil lit the lamps of America.

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In Tahiti a few years ago, I looked for traces of the Nantucketer at this other pole of his life. Though the French colony today has no newspaper, either daily, monthly or yearly—one of the sources, incidentally, of its serene mood—it did have a weekly paper 100 years ago called "Le Messager de Tahiti."

I searched its yellow files for the 1850s and 1860s and found, amid edicts from the Emperor Napoleon, a weekly list of the foreign ships in port. On certain weeks I found as many as a dozen whalers from Nantucket and other New England harbors. On Feb. 5, 1854, for instance, these included the George Washington (Capt. Edwards), the Congress (Capt. Hathaway), the Benjamin Tucker (Capt. Sands) and the Emerald (Capt. Jagger).

In the issue of May 27, 1855, I came upon the Charles W. Morgan, the three-master that is now preserved intact at Mystic, Conn. Another link with that town is the visit, one year later, of the Congress II (Capt. Stranburg), for the "Messager" of Dec. 21, 1856, notes the drowning of her crew member, Charles Wheeler of "Mystick."

One major hazard of Pacific whaling can be discerned in the issue of July 10, 1853, which mentions that the James Edwards (Capt. Luce) was in with a cargo of whalebone, oil and furs—probably sealskins—to be repaired after striking a reef. Even today, though most of these reefs have been charted, ships regularly come to grief on them, and when men sit around in Tahiti and Samoa telling yarns of the sea, they talk of the famous wrecks and of the Polynesian navigators who can steer through the narrow pass in the reefs that circle almost all South Sea Islands. It's surprising that more Nantucketers didn't founder a century ago.

But it was probably worth any risk to reach these graceful islands of Polynesia whose girls were naked in a more literal sense than Melville's. They must have been visions of paradise to the seamen from austere New England, whose Quaker womenfolk encased themselves so zealously that they wore bonnets to bed. If today's Nantucketers are really looking for descendants of the early settlers, Tahiti would be a good place to start.

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OTHER Pacific islands were less enticing to the Nantucketers. They particularly dreaded the Fijis, where the Melanesians liked nothing for dinner so much as "long pig," as the white man was called. Old records show that quite a few Nantucketers came to this dismal end, and unless they were offered a final fling before they were put en casserole, there is not much point in looking for their descendants in Fiji today.

In this century the Fijians have been won over to gentler methods of obtaining dinner, and they are among the world's most amiable people. But there are still a few octogenarians around who, though abstainers now, can remember a meal of long pig. On one of the tiny Yasawa islands, off the western tip of Fiji, my wife and I met an ancient chief known as "the man who ate the missionary." The meal took place seventy-eight years earlier, when he was twelve.

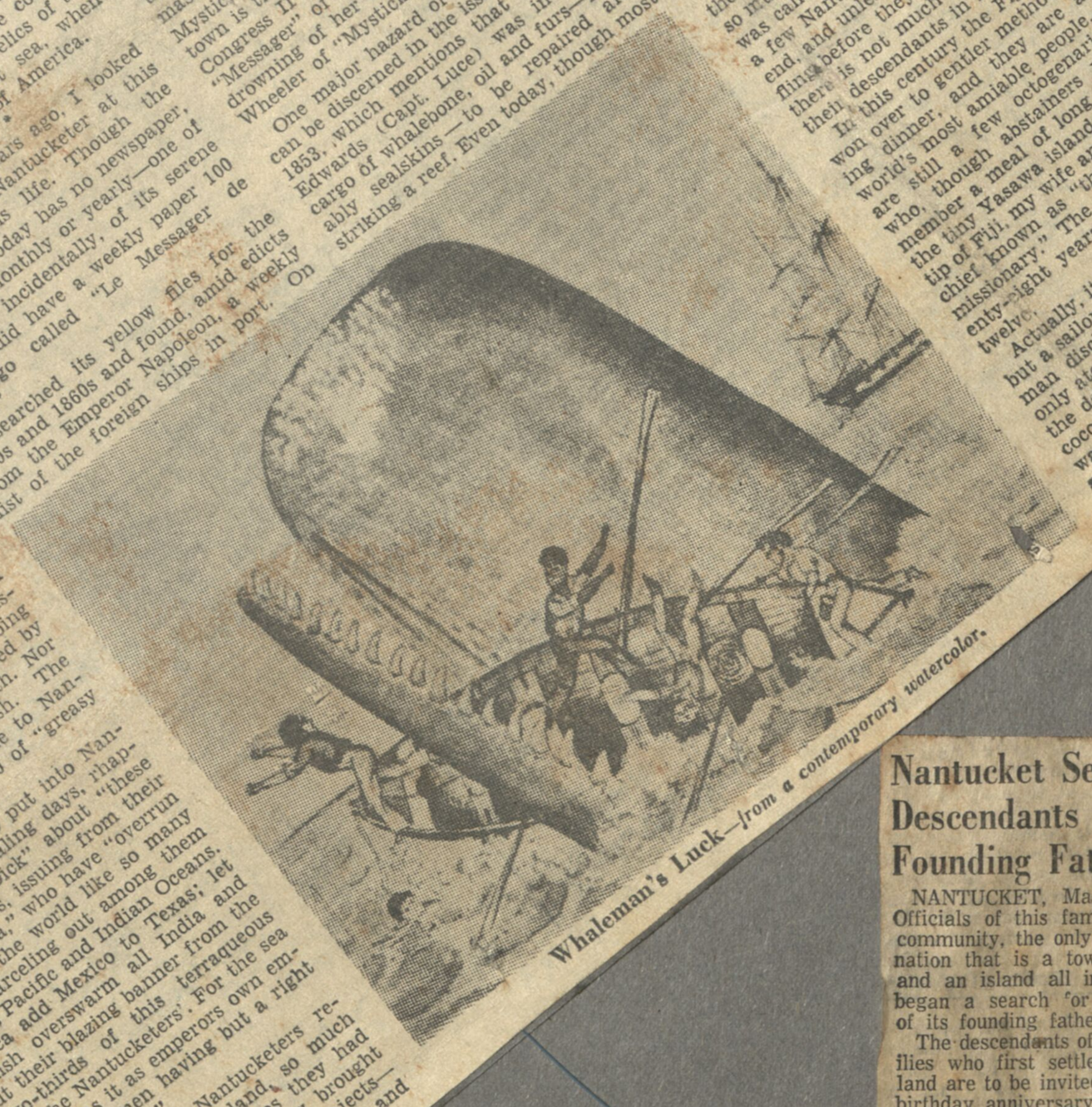
Actually, it wasn't a missionary at all, but a sailor named Phillips, and the old man disclaims eating him entire. He only ate the fingers, he says, which are the delicacy, especially when cooked in cocoanut cream. I don't know if Phillips was from Nantucket or not, but the line surely ended with him that day.

The names of Nantucket's first settlers were Barnard, Bunker, Coffin, Coleman, Folger, Gardner, Hussey, Macy, Swain, Starbuck and Worth. Men with these names figure in many of Nantucket's whaling tales. It was a Folger who found the "Bounty" descendants, and Melville used Starbuck for his first mate on the Pequod—the Quaker man of reason who tried to swerve Captain Ahab from his malevolent chase.

"What's this long face about, Mr. Starbuck?" old Ahab shouts at him. "Wilt thou not chase the white whale? Art not game for Moby Dick?"

"I am game for his crooked jaw, and for the jaws of death, too, Captain Ahab, if it fairly comes in the way of the business we follow," replies Starbuck, to whom the quest for whale oil was an almost holy mission. "But I came here to hunt whales, not my commander's vengeance. How many barrels will thy vengeance yield thee even if thou gettest it, Captain Ahab? It will not fetch thee much in our Nantucket market."

Though this prophecy was right, Ahab's extraordinary answer reveals some of the dark obsessions that drove Nantucketers from their ant-hill in the sea, to hunt from small wooden boats the biggest animal that ever lived on earth.



*Whaleman's Luck—from a contemporary watercolor.*

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## Nantucket Seeking Descendants Of Founding Fathers

NANTUCKET, Mass. (UP) — Officials of this famous whaling community, the only place in the nation that is a town, a county and an island all in one, today began a search for descendants of its founding fathers.

The descendants of the ten families who first settled on the island are to be invited to the 300th birthday anniversary of the community next year.

The names of the first settlers are Barnard, Bunker, Coffin, Coleman, Folger, Gardner, Hussey, Macy, Swain, Starbuck and Worth. Officials said there may be as many as 30,000 descendants scattered over the nation.

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## Local Descendants Attend Coffin Reunion

Miss Mildred Brooks of 403 Common st. has been spending the past week on Nantucket, which is celebrating its 300th Anniversary this year.

She attended the three-day Coffin Reunion, being a direct descendant of Tristram Coffin, one of the purchasers and early settlers on the Island.

Over six hundred persons, from all over the country, came for the event.

Mrs. Norman Brooks of the same address and Miss Barbaralee Brooks of Winchester, her grand-daughter, also attended.

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## A Place in the Sun

### By Norma Ackerson

**Mrs. E. J. Squires** of Pepperell has just returned from a family reunion on Nantucket Island, to which she was invited as a descendant of Tristram Coffin, one of the 10 purchasers of the island who acquired it in 1659 for 30 pounds (English) and two beaver hats. Visits were made to the Coffin homes on the island and to the old homestead of Jethro Coffin, built in 1686. About 400 descendants attended the reunion dinner, coming from all parts of the North American continent, and they also participated in the 300th anniversary of the island's settlement.

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Littl e celebration captured the fa o our attenti ireworks a con resident and a fam the Wellesley family was suggestion of her Wellesley erseas had advanced the date of in order to witness the Needham celeb especially the fireworks display as a typical exa the American way of celebration of its freedom. The Needham reputation has gone far afield. How far that little (roman) candle throws its beams . . .

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Headline in Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror this week "415 Coffins Come To Island for Big Family Reunion". That's not as gruesome as its looks at first glance. No, there was no scourge of the plague or food poisoning anticipated. It reunion of the family named Coffin as a part of et's 300th anniversary celebration.

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## Paging Nantucketers

(Boston Globe)

Characteristically, Nantucket has reversed the customary process. The usual search is for ancestors; the state's outermost island has initiated a world-wide hunt for the descendants of its 11 founding families.

These made Nantucket the pioneer whaling port, the forerunner of New Bedford. Men from the island traveled the world over; sometimes they halted to stay. Nantucketers turned the upriver town of Hudson, N. Y., into a whaling center, and established, among other places, several communities on the West Coast.

Settlement of the islands dates from 1659, when Thomas Mayhew sold part of it for 30 pounds sterling and two beaver hats to a group from Amesbury. Nantucket celebrates its tercentenary next year.

In a sense, the island opened and closed the American Revolution. One of its ships, which had sold whale oil in London, returned with some of the tea which was dropped in Boston Harbor. Another from the island was the first vessel to fly the American flag in a British port.

Nantucketers still retain their spirit of independence. Within a generation they were threatening to secede from Massachusetts and join New York in a dispute over electric light rates.

It is a matter of pride to stem from the island, even remotely. So it would be worth checking, if you have ancestors with any of these names: Barnard, Bunker, Coffin, Coleman, Folger, Gardner, Hussey, Macy, Swain, Starbuck and Worth.

It may turn out you are being paged.

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## Norwood To Be Represented At Library Conclave

Norwood will be represented at the Washington, D. C. Conference, of the American Library Association, during the week of June 22, by Miss Edna Phillips, Librarian, and Miss N. Dorothy Shumaker, Junior Department Librarian. Miss Barbara Heslam, Librarian, Levi Heywood Library, Gardner, will be with them. Miss Heslam will be agreeably remembered by Norwood people as the former Branch Librarian at South Norwood Branch, Morrill Memorial Library.

On the way to Washington, Miss Phillips will have a vacation weekend in Nantucket with a San Francisco cousin, Mrs. G. Osborne Wilson, Mr. Wilson, and members of their family, at the first reunion of the Macy family, on the occasion of Nantucket's 300th anniversary. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Phillips are direct descendants of Thomas Macy, the first white settler on the island.

In connection with local interest in Nantucket, the Morrill Memorial Library has a book display and exhibit arranged by Mrs. Harry Fraser, Senior Assistant, illustrating Nantucket's 300th anniversary.

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## Bunker Family Reunion At Nantucket

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Bunker Miss Miriam H. Bunker and Colonel Laurence E. Bunker, all of 46 Chestnut street, Wellesley Hills, have recently returned from a three-week visit at The Breakers, Nantucket. While there they attended a number of the affairs celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Nantucket. They were all present at the Bunker Family Reunion Dinner, as Mr. Bunker is a seventh-generation descendant from William Bunker, one of the original settlers. He is also descended from ten of the other eleven settlers whose families were particularly recognized during the celebrations. Colonel Bunker was one of the speakers at the Family Reunion Dinner. He also attended the various functions in connection with the Folger Family Reunion, including the dedication of the Folger-Franklin Memorial which commemorates Peter Folger, his daughter Abiah and the latter's famous son, Benjamin Franklin, and the Reunion Dinner. Among other descendants attending the Folger Reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Folger of 39 Ingraham road, Wellesley, with their young family. Colonel Bunker spoke briefly at the Folger Dinner and the following week was the featured speaker at the weekly meeting of the Nantucket Rotary Club, where he described some of his experiences during World War II and gave many of his impressions of the countries and political developments in the Western Pacific.

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## MACY REUNION

Mrs. Annie Macy Radden French attended last Saturday night the family reunion of the descendants of Thomas Macy, the first white settler on Nantucket Island exactly 300 years ago. The reunion was held at Sea Cliff Inn, 194 Macys attending.

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## Sargents Attend Nantucket 300th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Sargent attended the recent Coffin family reunion held in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Island of Nantucket. Dr. Sargent is a direct descendant of Tristram Coffin who was one of the first of the early settlers. Coffins came from practically every state in the union and there were nearly 400 at the banquet held in the Sea Cliff Hotel at Nantucket.

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Nantucket's First Symphony
Featuring the
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Nantucket High School Auditorium
Sponsored by 300th Anniversary Committee
June 21, 1959 8:00 p.m. Admission $5.00

## BOSTON SYMPHONY CONCERTS

On June 21, 1959 a major group of the Boston Symphony Orchestra played their first concert on an American island -- Nantucket.

Under the direction of Richard Burgin, forty members of the Symphony played an afternoon and an evening concert in the Nantucket High School Auditorium. Guest soloist Miss Nancy Sillsbee, a Nantucketer, performed with the group.

One third of the island's population attended the concerts, some of whom had never before listened to a live symphony performance.

# BOSTON SYMPHONY CONCERT

***RICHARD BURGIN***
***Associate Conductor***

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### Joyous Cultural Kickoff For 300th Birthday Fete

# *Nantucket Plays Host To Boston Symphony*

**By EDWARD G. McGRATH.**
**Globe Staff Correspondent**

NANTUCKET, June 21—This sun-kissed island sampled its own hospitality today, presenting itself a 300th birthday gift of two concerts by 40 Boston Symphony musicians.

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Nantucketers paid $7000 to import "the best of culture" to these history-rich shores.

**But bearded fishermen, Island natives who have never visited the mainland, and those well-versed in the fine arts agreed they won't wait another 300 years to hear Mozart and Haydn at their best.**

One third of the island's 3500 permanent residents filled the new high school auditorium for 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. concerts.

They came by horse drawn surreys with fringes on top, and they came on bicycles.

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**Young and old gathered early on the lawn of the school to view the spectacle of Boston Symphony musicians—now garbed in white coats, black bow ties, and dark trousers—"warming up"—on fields overlooking a blue harbor dotted with white sailboats.**

They saw Victor Manusevitch leaning against a rustic fence tuning his violin.

Manuel Valerio stood alone in the vast field, practicing on his clarinet.

Others reclined in the sun, instruments beside them, awaiting call to the stage.

The program was designed with 300-year significance.

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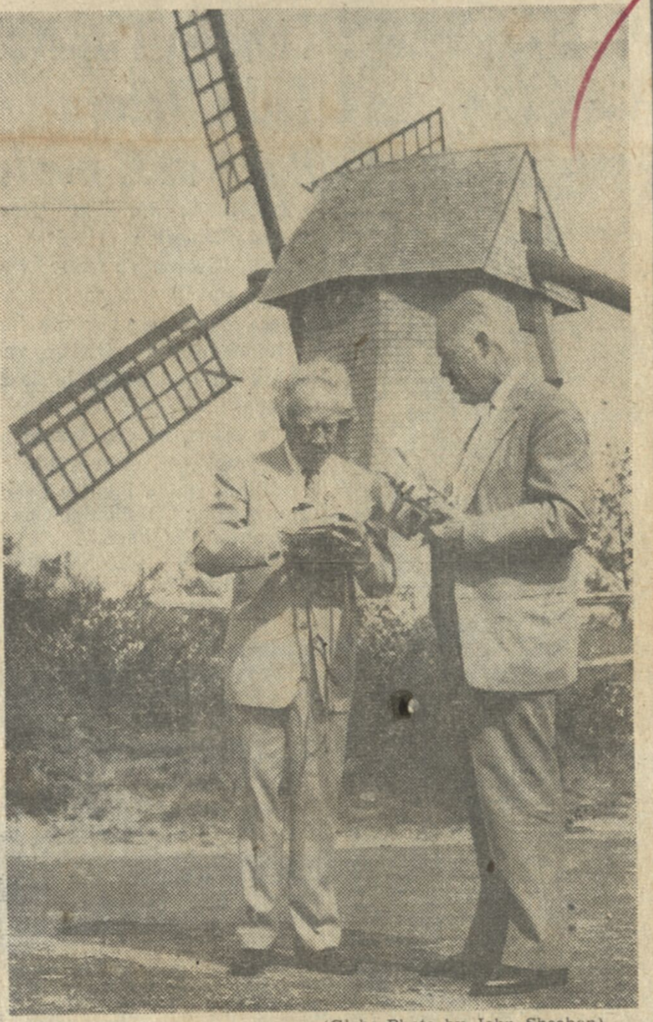
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SYMPHONY IN COLOR—Boston Symphony players Einar Hanson, 1st violin, and George Humphrey, viola, compare shutter speeds as they prepare to photograph some of Nantucket's color harmonies.

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### NANTUCKET SYMPHONY

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six years earlier, has provided about $25 billion in loans and grants to other countries.

### 120 Hub Dealers View Admiral's Summer-Fall Line

A three-day dealer holiday was held last week-end in Atlantic City by the Boston Divi-

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# THE WORLD OF MUSIC

## Cincinnati Zoo to Introduce Italians, Returning Italy's Aid to Americans

By JOHN BRIGGS

THE Cincinnati Zoo Opera on July 5 will present the first half of an international cultural exchange program—"The Barber of Seville" with a cast of young Italian singers.

Making their American debuts will be Ugo Benelli as Almaviva; Clelia Drovandi as Rosina; Ottavio Graventa as Figaro and Bonaldo Giaiotti as Don Basilio.

The other half of the exchange will be exhibited on July 17 and 19, when "La Bohème" will be performed with a c of young American singers w recently made debuts in Italy. They are Jean Deis, who will sing Rodolfo; Rosalia Maresca the Mimi; Marjorie Smith, Musetta; Roald Reitan, a Metropolitan Opera Auditions winner last season, the Marcello, and Gene Boucher as Colline.

### Other Roles

Mr. Deis will also be heard as Cavaradossi, and Mr. Boucher as Angelotti, in tonight's "Tosca," the title role of which will be sung by Prudencija Bickus, another young artist "discovered" by the Cincinnati exchange program.

The program began two years ago under the sponsorship of Hulbert Taft Jr. and other Cincinnatians. Their organization, American Opera Auditions, Inc., holds national auditions for young singers, winners of which journey to Cincinnati for the finals.

Winners are given a special training course at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, working under the supervision of a technical director named by the two groups participating in the Italian side of the project, Associazione Lirica e Concertistica Italiana and Associazione Diffusione Educazione Musicale.

If they pass their training course successfully they are sent to Italy for debuts. Travel expenses are paid by the American organization, while the Italian groups arrange for debuts, either at Il Teatro Nuovo in Milan or the Teatro della Pergola in Florence. Then they are eligible, along with new young Italian artists, to be considered for the Cincinnati Zoo Opera the following summer.

**FOUND:** The manuscript of "Catfish Row," an orchestral suite fashioned by George Gershwin from his opera "Porgy and Bess," has turned up in the library of Ira Gershwin, the composer's brother and librettist. Composed in 1936, the suite had its first performance in that year by Alexander Smallens and the Philadelphia Orchestra. During 1936-1937 it was conducted by the composer himself in Washington, St. Louis, Boston, Chicago, Seattle, Berkeley and Detroit. Now released for performance it will be recorded by Maurice Abravanel and the Utah Symphony.

**IMPROVISING:** When the National Symphony Orchestra landed in Lima, Peru, on June 6, after a hurried departure brought about by the revolution in Ecuador, its members were in need of practice. Howard Mitchell, conductor, and Ralph Black, manager, found acoustics of the Panagra Airways hangar were excellent, and an unscheduled rehearsal was held on the spot.

**REPLACEMENT:** Maria Callas, substituting for "an indisposed colleague," will sing Rosina in "The Barber of Seville" with the Dallas (Tex.) Opera Company in November, bringing to three the number of roles in which she will appear with the Texas company. Other appearances will be in the title roles of "Lucia di Lammermoor" and Cherubini's "Medea." Rosina will be the first comic role for Miss Callas in this country.

**HEMIDEMISEMIQUAVERS:** Laszlo Halasz, former director of the New York City Opera Company, has been named director of the Peabody Art Theatre, a training project for singers, dancers and instrumentalists to be launched next fall by the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore . . . Keith Brown, principal trombonist of the Casals Festival Orchestra and faculty member of the Aspen (Colo.) Festival, will join the Philadelphia Orchestra's trombone section next fall . . . Nantucket Island has announced two concerts by members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and five solo recitals as part of its 300th anniversary celebration this summer . . . Thomas Griswold succeeds Irwin Shainman as conductor of the Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra.

### *REPRISE*

Connie McNeil, lyric coloratura, deserved "praise for her vocal agility and her performance of music of widely differing styles" . . . The recital by Roy Hamlin Johnson, pianist, exhibited "a consistent ideal of piano sound and technique."

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## Island To Have Symphonic Concert

Forty members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, one of the greatest orchestras in the world, will present a concert Sunday in the Nantucket High School Auditorium. This will be one of the high-lights of the 300th Birthday Celebration, and it will be the first time in their history that this group has played on an island.

The orchestra will be flown to Nantucket in a chartered plane on Sunday morning, taken on a tour of the island, and entertained at dinner at the high school between the afternoon and evening concerts.

The conductor, Richard Burgin, is associate conductor and concert master of the orchestra. He is outstanding among conductors for his program planning. For the Nantucket concert he has chosen music which was composed in the time span of the 300 years of Nantucket's history.

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## Y Know What?

by ELEANOR PATTERSON

Another graduating class joins the group of educated men and women. What lies ahead for these young people? Much has taken place in the world since they first began their formal training. How well equipped are they to meet and solve the problems now facing us — many of them age old. We are confident these young people will accept their responsibilities, and will apply themselves to the work at hand, to the end that they will receive recognition for their efforts in all fields of endeavor. We congratulate the Class of 1959.

**Delegates from all parts of New England will attend the unique Christian Ashram at Wollaston June 25-July 1, featuring the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who brought this Christian version of the religious retreat from India.**

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will play two concerts in the high school in Nantucket, in honor of the island's 300th birthday, one on July 6, and the second on July 27. Tickets may be obtained at the Information Office in Nantucket; visitors to the island this summer should take some part in the celebration, if only through attending the concerts.

**The Civil War Centennial Commission is planning a full-scale reenactment of the first battle of Manassas or Bull Run, as part of the program to celebrate the Centennial. It is scheduled for July 20-21, 1961.**

I thought that the current crop of mosquitoes had developed an immunity to the spray until I learned the spraying hadn't begun! Will the spraying also take care of ticks — I never saw so many in this vicinity as during the past several weeks. We check the dog carefully every night — the pesky insects have been carried into the house on the laundry.

**How long will it take to complete the High street construction? With such a good thoroughfare through the town, will some traffic controls be initiated upon completion?**

I passed by (unfortunately I couldn't stop) a L.L. game the other night? Where were the spectators? Most of those who were there seemed to be scouts from other teams (in that age bracket at least) with perhaps three or four parents. With so many youngsters playing this year the bleachers should have been packed.

**Our Memorial Day parade was quite the longest and best every seen here. To be able to furnish two bands to keep the long line of marchers in step is a big step forward from the time we had to import music from a neighboring town. How many thousand bottles of tonic did the thirsty marchers consume at the end of the trail?**

Special town meeting will be called for June 22. Line up your baby sitters now for this most important meeting.

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Mrs. Dorothy Warren, assisted with the cooking chores and high school girls helped with the serving.

Seventy local residents mingled with the musicians at dinner.

### Musical Salute

Before surrey-drivers led their horses to the high school door to deliver passengers for the evening performance, Nantucket received word of another musical to its 300-year-old history.

**Emmanuel Elston, recently retired director of music in New York schools, announced that Puerto Rico will send "Birthday greetings from one Island to another" by permitting MGBH-TV (ch. 2) to present kinescopes of the Festival Casals, sometime in August.**

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CANBERRA—Australia's installment-purchase debt at the end of January totaled a record 340 million ($765 million).

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**NANTUCKET — The island's 300th anniversary celebration has opened to the strains of the Boston Pops Orchestra.**

**Members of the famed orchestra presented two concerts yesterday.**

**At the afternoon program, it was announced that Puerto Rico will present six tape recorded concerts to Nantucket.**

**The tapes were made this spring at the Pablo Casals Festival on the Caribbean Island.**

**They are the gift of the southern island to its sister island off the New England coast.**

**More than 700 persons attended the afternoon performance yesterday, and 700 were present at the evening program.**

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# Nantucket Celebrates Tercentenary

Nantucket Island, 30 miles off the coast of Massachusetts, is celebrating its 300th birthday. In 1659, the island was sold by Thoms Mayhew at a price of "30 pounds of current money and two beaver hats, one for me and one for my wife." The purchasers were 11 men from Massachusetts who were anxious to lead a life of intolerance.

Nantucket, sometimes called "little grey lady of the sea" is the only place in America which can claim being a town, a county and an island, all in one. Once the whaling capital of the world, the little island community looks today as it did in the 1800's when the whaling industry was at its height

Families of the wealthy whalers lived in mansions in Nantucket, constructed at a time in American architectural history when building lines were clean, uncluttered and beautiful. The whaling industry failed just at the time when architecture went through a period of "gingerbread" and "gewgaws" and because of lack of money to make changes, Nantucket's homes remained as they were.

This fact has become one of the island's greatest assets, with people coming from the world over to see fine examples of American architecture.

On Aug. 7, the USS Miller will visit the island and salute the memory of William Mooers, Nantucket ship captain whose ship "Bedford" first flew the American flag in an English port.

Throughout the summer there will be many attractions for the visitor. Visitors may bring automobiles with them on the daily sailings of Steamship Authority vessels from New Bedford and Woods Hole.

Visitors may tour the island easily on foot, bicycle, surrey or by auto and will find it well wohthwhile.

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# NANTUCKET TO FEATURE MUSIC IN 300TH YEAR

## Boston Symphony Group To Play Twice On 21st

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A subscription ticket, for the five concerts, may be purchased for $10, or tickets for individual concerts at $2.50 each. They may be obtained now by contacting Miss Jane Wallach, 71 Orange St., Nantucket, telephone 1569; or after June 15, they will be available at the 300th Birthday office on Broad St., next to the Whaling Museum.

*mporting Boston Symphony for $7000*

# Nantucket Giving Itself Expensive Birthday Gift

By DOROTHY CRANDALL

NANTUCKET, June 6—Two weeks from now Nantucket will celebrate its 300th birthday by giving itself a beautiful and expensive present.

At a cost of $7000 it is bringing 40 Boston Symphony musicians to the Island for an afternoon and evening concert on Sunday, June 21.

he event will be a Boston mphony first — their first concert on an island in United States waters. Some years ago an ensemble of Symphony musicians played on Iceland.

CLINT ANDREWS invites Ted Williams to come to Nantucket to fish. He guarantees "the bass and blues will be biting."

**"This is the biggest thing we've ever attempted. Everybody's working hard — and hoping," said one Nantucketer. He expressed the gaiety that is evident from one end of the eight-mile island to the other.**

Underneath you note a small feeling of fear. Will all the $5 concert tickets be sold? The date is early, before the Summer season starts, and it will take a lot of music lovers to fill the auditorium of the new high school, built in 1955.

"A miracle's what we need," wryly commented Dr. George Folger, Nantucket physician.

Nantucketers are living a miracle now—the miracle of Spring. "Nantucket has only three seasons, Summer, Fall and Winter," is an Island truism.

But this year it was different. Warm, sunny days arrived a full month ahead of schedule, giving families a head start on gardening and sprucing-up their homes.

Everyone has made good use of this miracle of weather and the Island has taken on a new fragrance. It is a delicate blend of wild roses and fresh paint.

**"Good neighbors" is the developing theme of the birthday concert and if there is time for it a Nantucketer will escort each musician on a tour of the Island.**

Good cook Mrs. William Scully is chairman of the Sunday night dinner of traditional Nantucket dishes. Mrs. Dorothy Warren and a handful of eager high school girls will help serve. Table centerpieces will be native Nantucket flowers. Sixty Nantucketers have been invited to sit down to dinner with the musicians.

Mrs. Scully reviewed her menu, "The men will dig the quahogs for the chowder. My recipe is tiny cubes of salt pork, onions, potatoes and as much cream as milk. It's a good chowder. I'll make hot rolls to serve with the lobster salad." The pretty woman smiled, "Dessert is Indian pudding that takes four hours to bake. I stir it every hour and add milk if it needs it."

Boston Symphony's musical menu for the birthday concert is a blending of "compositions that span three centuries, a group pleasant to listen to," said Richard Burgin, Boston Symphony associate conductor and concert master.

The program will open with an Elizabethan Suite arranged by Sir John Barbirolli, London-born conductor of Halle Orchestra in Manchester, England. Sir John has arranged five keyboard compositions by leading composers of the time of Queen Elizabeth I.

These he has arranged for modern string instruments in the manner of Elizabethan composers, so that the music is in the spirit of early English settlers.

**Concert soloist will be a Nantucketer, Miss Nancy Silsbee, a professional pianist of New York. She will play the Mozart Concerto in C Minor with the orchestra.**

The program will continue with a symphony by Haydn. And for modern times the Symphony musicians will play El Amor Brujo (Love, the Sorcerer) a Spanish suite from ballet by Manuel de Falla.

Meanwhile, Nantucketers are dusting off old-time stories for the birthday party.

**Grace Brown Gardner, a direct descendent of first settler Tristram Coffin and owner of one of four Island homes "that has never been sold" chuckles over Daniel Webster's visit to Nantucket.**

"Webster demanded $1000 to come to the Island to try an important case. The Nantucketer who hired him agreed, if D. W. would try any other cases, at no extra charge. When D. W. left Nantucket he had earned $1500 and the islander made a profit of $500."

The retired teacher who has "taught in every grade from the first through senior college" has compiled more than 80 folders of news stories and photographs of Nantucket history.

Her proudest piece is her Grandmother Charlotte Coffin Gardner's daily diary of her voyage to the Pacific with her seafaring husband. Miss Gardner shared this diary with the Seattle Historical Society which used it to make changes in their records.

Colorful Nantucket stories are of the early 1800s when Nantucket led the nation in the whaling industry. Then her shipmasters were explorers as well as whalers.

**There is the story of whaling master Timothy Folger who gave Benjamin Franklin, (his mother was born on Nantucket) data which led to the charting of the Gulf Stream. Those were the years when the handsome gray-shingled homes were built and furnished with rich mahogany furniture and fine china from far away places.**

Nantucket today is a wonderful way of life for men like Clint Andrews. Fishing is his "favorite sport and business." Clint admits he can tell by the wind and the look of the water when the fish are biting, "but I can't tell another fisherman."

NANTUCKET HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA KITCHEN is where dinner for Boston Symphony will be cooked. Mrs. William Scully, center, ladling chowder, is chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Warren, at left, and high school girls will help.

MISS NANCY SILSBEE, concert piano soloist, is a Nantucketer. She will play the Mozart Concerto with Boston Symphony Orchestra.

GRACE BROWN GARDNER with some of the Nantucket historical records she has collected in her "retirement project". Miss Gardner is a direct descendent of Tristram Coffin, first settler.

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# Nantucket

## 300 Years Celebrated By Islanders

By Robert W. Dumm

Nantucket, Mass.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" asked the poet, to which a chorus of New Englanders might well answer: "Two days—without rain."

Following the nationwide equation of art and the ope air, Bostonians trooped back t their drowned-out Arts Festiva on Saturday, and on Sunday th Nantucket Islanders inaugurate their 300th Anniversary pro ceedings with a concert by 4 members of the Boston Sym phony Orchestra.

For the symphony men th day began like a summer outin as they piled instruments-dee into a chartered plane and fle out over Woods Hole. At Nan tucket they played two perform ances of the same program, i the afternoon and the evening with the intervals betwee punctuated by lobster and lore o the island.

There's to be more in store much more, we were promise by George W. Jones, chairma of the Anniversary plans. Righ on up to Sept. 19 there'll b clambakes, concerts, and cod fishing to stir the talk of th island—a piquant cottage-world that has remained determinedly itself. Visitors and good-wish presents are already crowding in, the best so far being Pablo Casals' gift of six kinescoped concerts from his own festiva down Puerto Rico way, from one musical atoll to another. These concerts will be televised in Boston sometime in August by arrangement with WGBH Channel 2. In the words of the island, one would call that "landing a whale."

Pointing up the symbolism of the occasion, Richard Burgin prepared a program that covered three centuries of music—Elizabethan miniatures by Bull and Farnaby, 18th-century classics by Mozart and Haydn, and Falla for today. It was a pleasure to watch Mr. Burgin at work, to witness how his imagination and control shape fresh images from old outlines.

Sir John Barbirolli's multiplications on the exquisite cameos of Byrd and John Bull would be Bull in a china shop indeed, if the musicians did not approach everything with the quick sensibility of chamber players. The "King's Hunt" was a breathtaking tour de force, all speed and clarity, as if four strings, and not twenty-four, were playing.

After which feat a native Nantucketer, Nancy Silsbee, performed the solo part of Mozart's C minor Piano Concerto, K. 491. Apart from several slight differences of opinion on tempi between her and the conductor, and a piano somewhat the worse for the sea air, all went smoothly enough. Her playing is strong and romantically colored, sometimes by muscular expletives that clamp a heavy hand on the Ariel soul of Mozart. He managed to escape and soar, however, most of the time.

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After intermission came a salty serving of Haydn's oft-played Symphony No. 88, in G major. Each man performed earnestly with a personal involvement you would expect from a solo artist.

The carefully considered program wisely left the lush sounding sheen of Falla's "El Amor Brujo" for the closing piece. What a parade of rich textures — Joseph de Pasquale's viola, Alfred Krips's violin, and a quartet of honey-blended cellos — until the men themselves seemed to sway in surfside breeze during "The Magic Circle."

In exoticism it was everything but the passport. We almost went along, except for the disenchanting little explosions of flashbulbs. Why must the impatient world of publicity make us unwilling party to the news before it has happened?

But nothing could really upset the festive good nature of both the afternoon and evening audiences. They set up a groundswell of prolonged applause, and a squall for more during the summer.

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# Celebration Opens In Nantucket

NANTUCKET—Two concerts by members of the Boston Pops Orchestra Sunday marked the opening of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of this island.

At the afternoon concert in the high school auditorium, Emanuel Elston, former head of the music department of the New York Schools, announced that Puerto Rico is presenting six tape recorded concerts which were presented this spring at the Pablo Casals Festival on the Caribbean Island.

The recordings, Elston explained, are the gift of the southern island to its sister island off the New England coast. The concerts will be heard later over Channel 2 (WGBH-TV).

More than 400 attended the afternoon concert and over 700 were present at the evening performance.

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### Music on Nantucket

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Julio Prol, guitarist, Adela Valle and Sarita Amor, dancers, accompanied by Samico Yohai, flamenco guitarist, will appear July 6. Other visiting artists will be Odetta, folk singer, July 27; Claremont Quartet, Aug. 3; Leonard Rose, cellist, Aug. 31; and Geoffrey Holder, dancer from Trinidad, Sept. 7. Subscription series tickets are available from Miss Jane Wallach, 71 Orange St., Nantucket.

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### Two Concerts Open Nantucket's 300th Birthday Events

NANTUCKET (UPI) — This island's 300th birthday anniversary celebration officially opened yesterday with two concerts by 40 Boston Symphony musicians.

Some 1,100 persons, about one-third of the island's population, turned out for the performances.

Many of the islanders were costumed in the dress of past generations for the birthday celebration festivities which will last all summer.

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### B.S.O. to Play 300th Nantucket Anniversary

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### Burgin at Nantucket

Richard Burgin will conduct the concerts, to be presented Monday afternoon and evening in the Nantucket High School by 40 members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in connection with the Nantucket's 300th birthday celebration.

Nantucket's Nancy Silsbee will play the Mozart C-Minor Concerto at both concerts.

Another of the many summer events observing Nantucket's 300th anniversary will take place on July 6 when the first of a Concert series of five performances will be given.

It will be a "Fiesta Flamenca," with the following performing artists: Julio Prol, classical guitarist; Adela Valle and Sarita Amor, dancer, accompanied by Samico Yohai, flamenco guitarist.

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## SHEEP SHEARING FESTIVAL

The Sheep Shearing Festival, one of Nantucket's oldest customs, was revived in honor of the birthday celebration. The Festival followed as nearly as possible the pattern of the old-time shearing. It began with a parade to the site, led by the Selectmen and ended with community singing around a fire.

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# THE BIRTHDAY

Focal point of the 300th birthday celebration was July 2, anniversary of the signing of the deed.

Plans for the celebration included a band concert by the 8th Air Force Band and a giant clambake to which many distinguished guests were invited. Speaker of the day was Edouard Stackpole, a Nantucketer well versed in the history of the island.

The weather on July 2 was extremely bad and caused delays and cancellations in the traveling plans of many of Nantucket's guests. This resulted in postponement of events until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The following pages will give the reader a picture of the day's activities.

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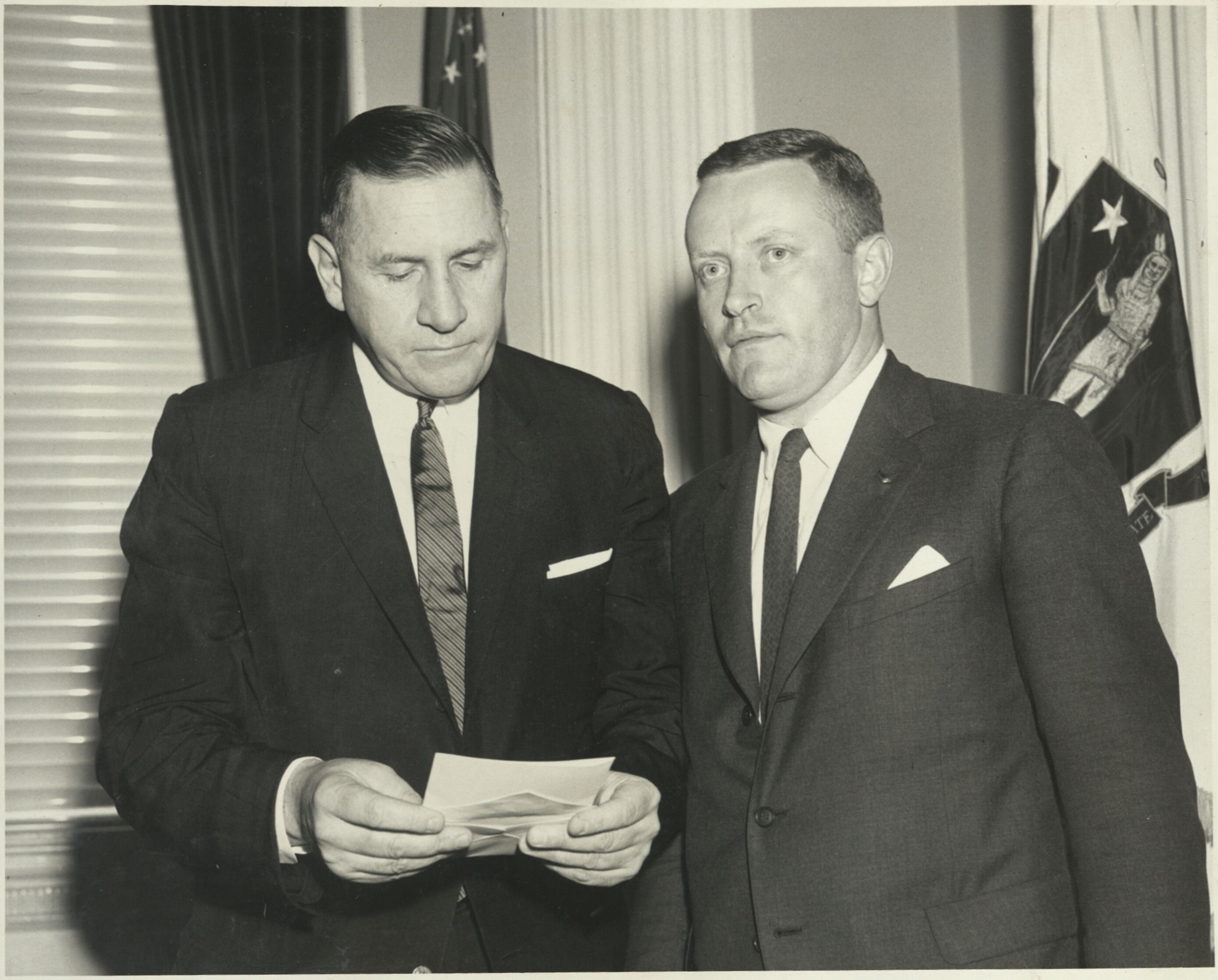

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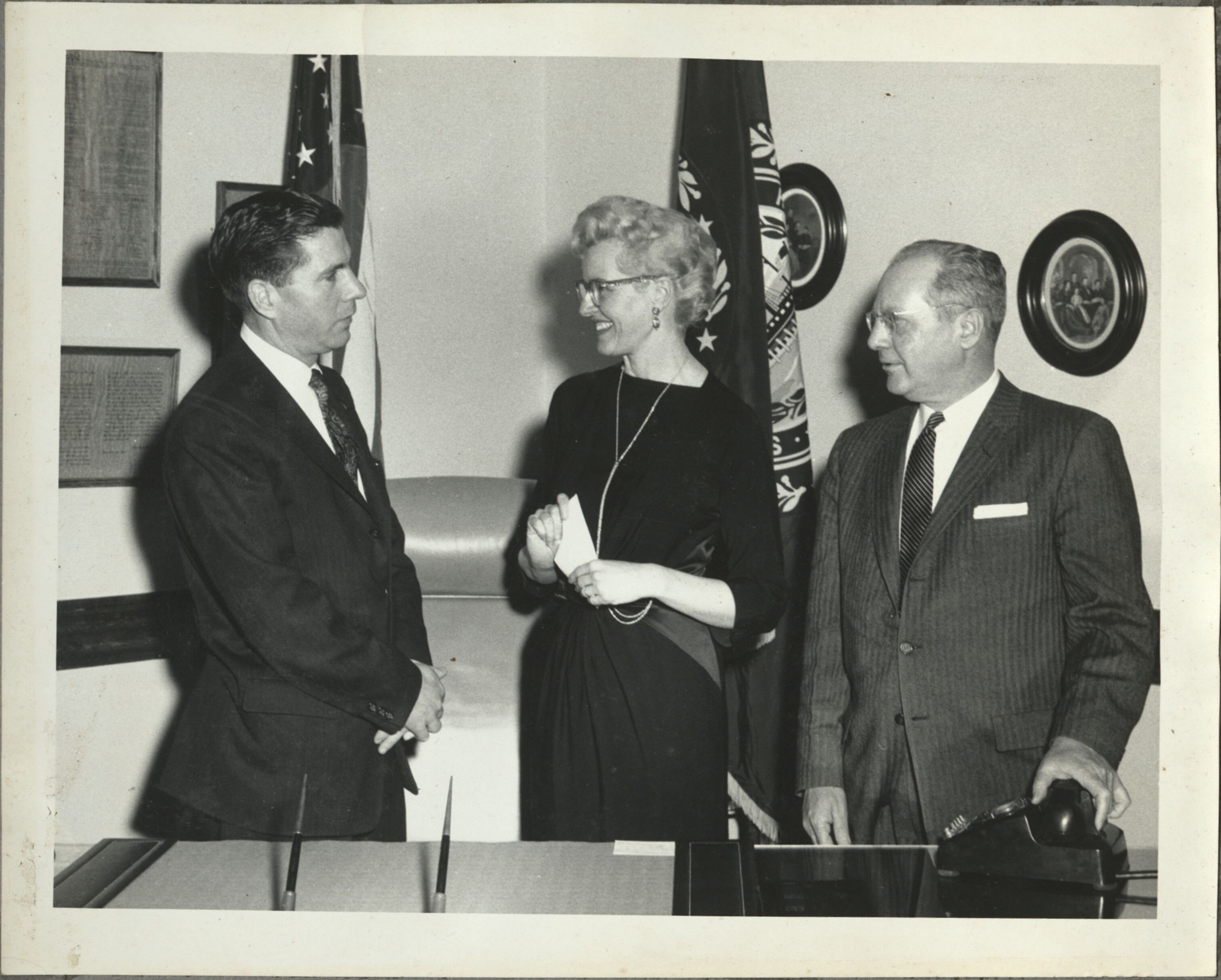

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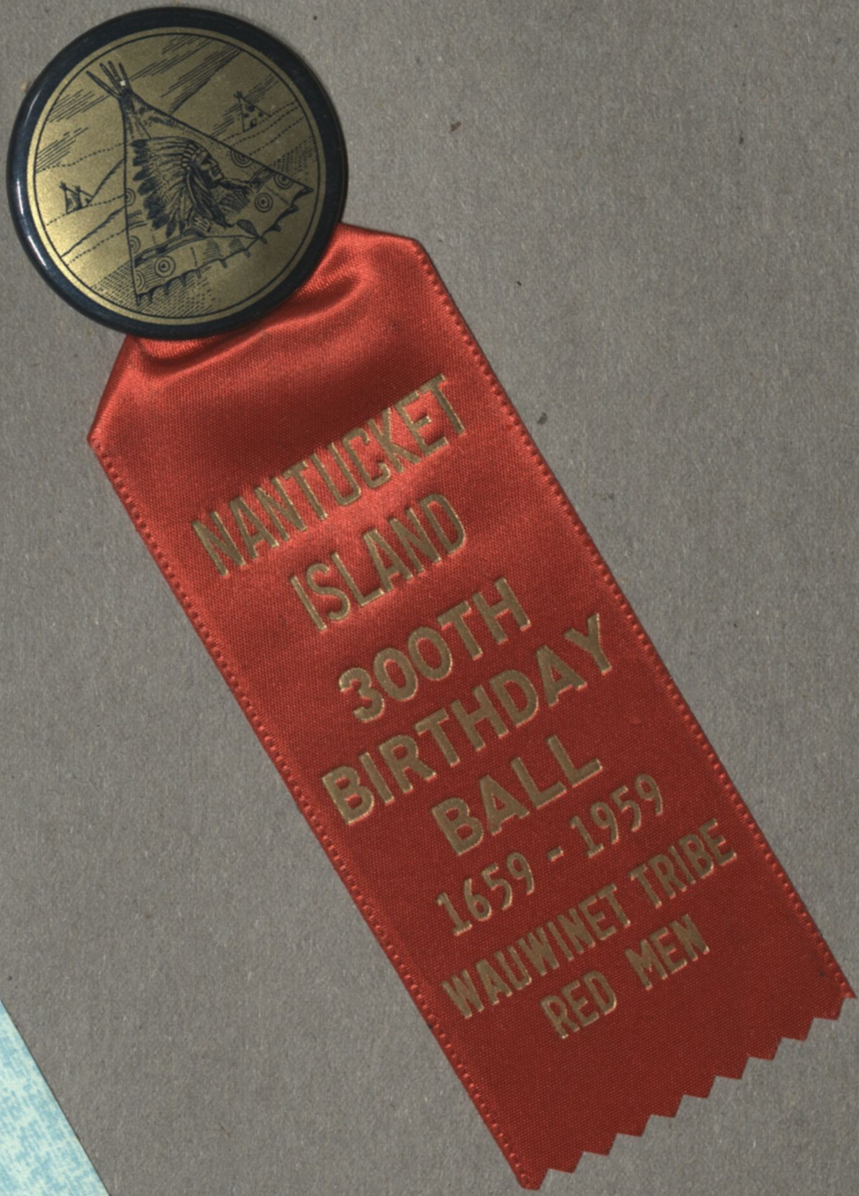
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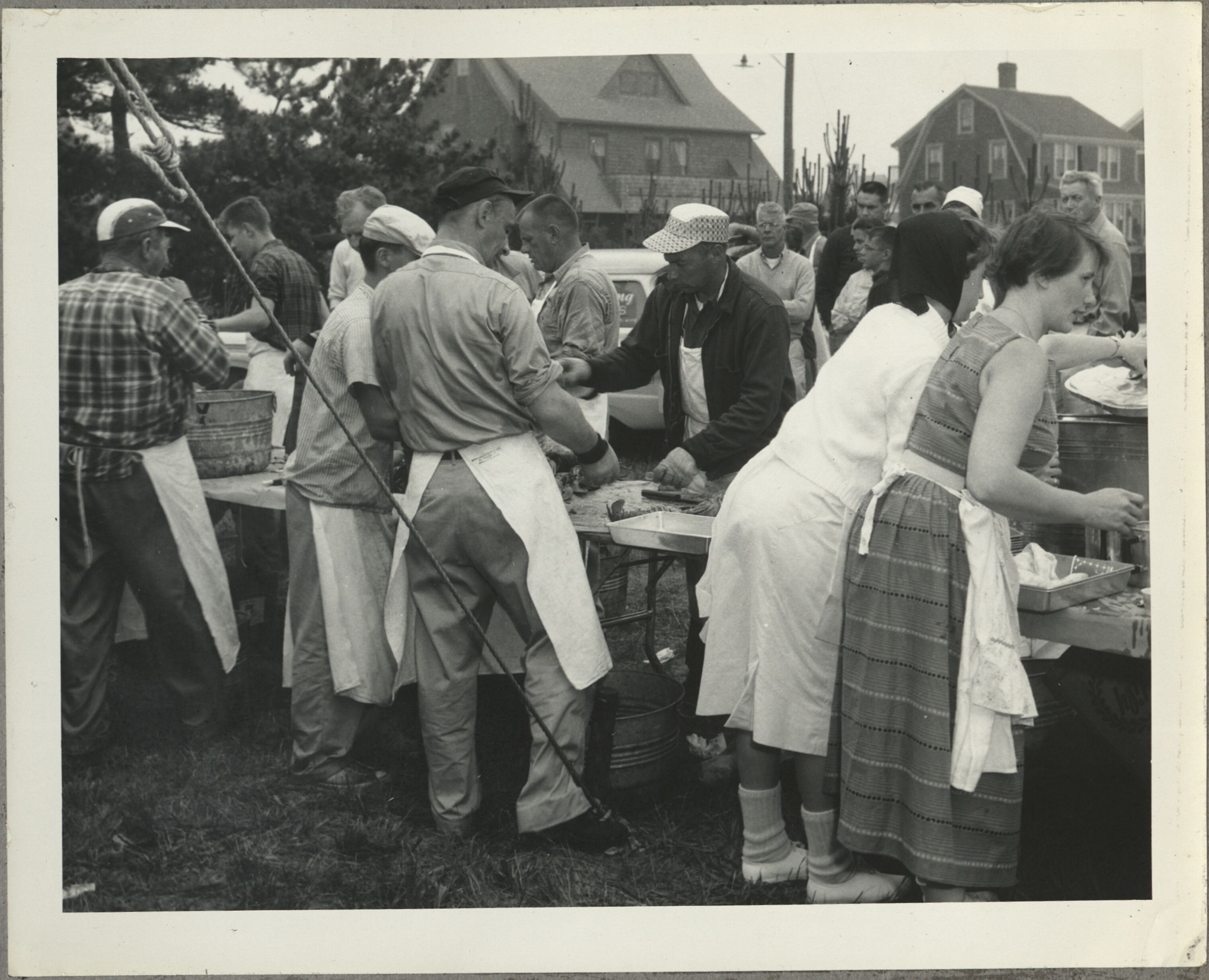

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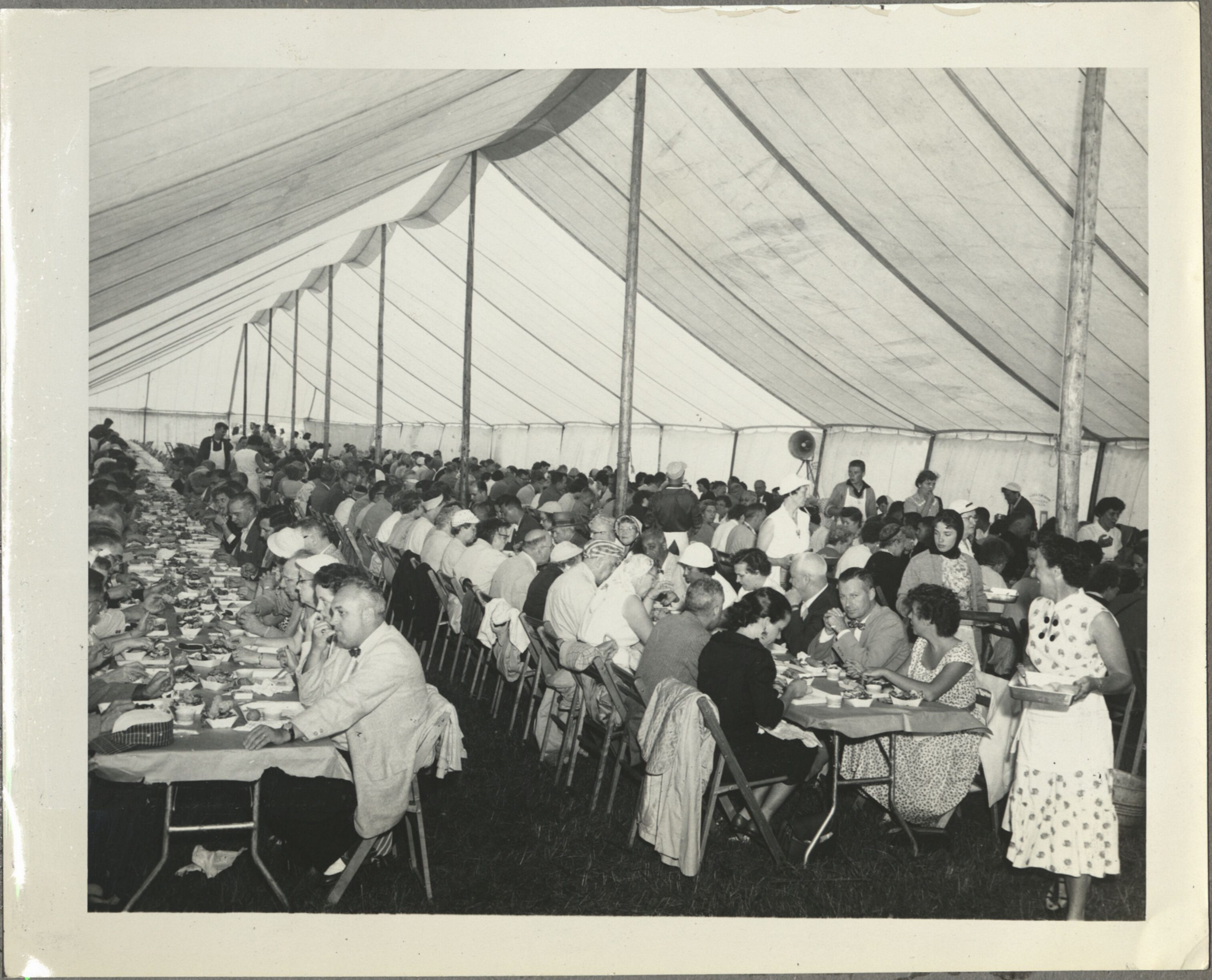

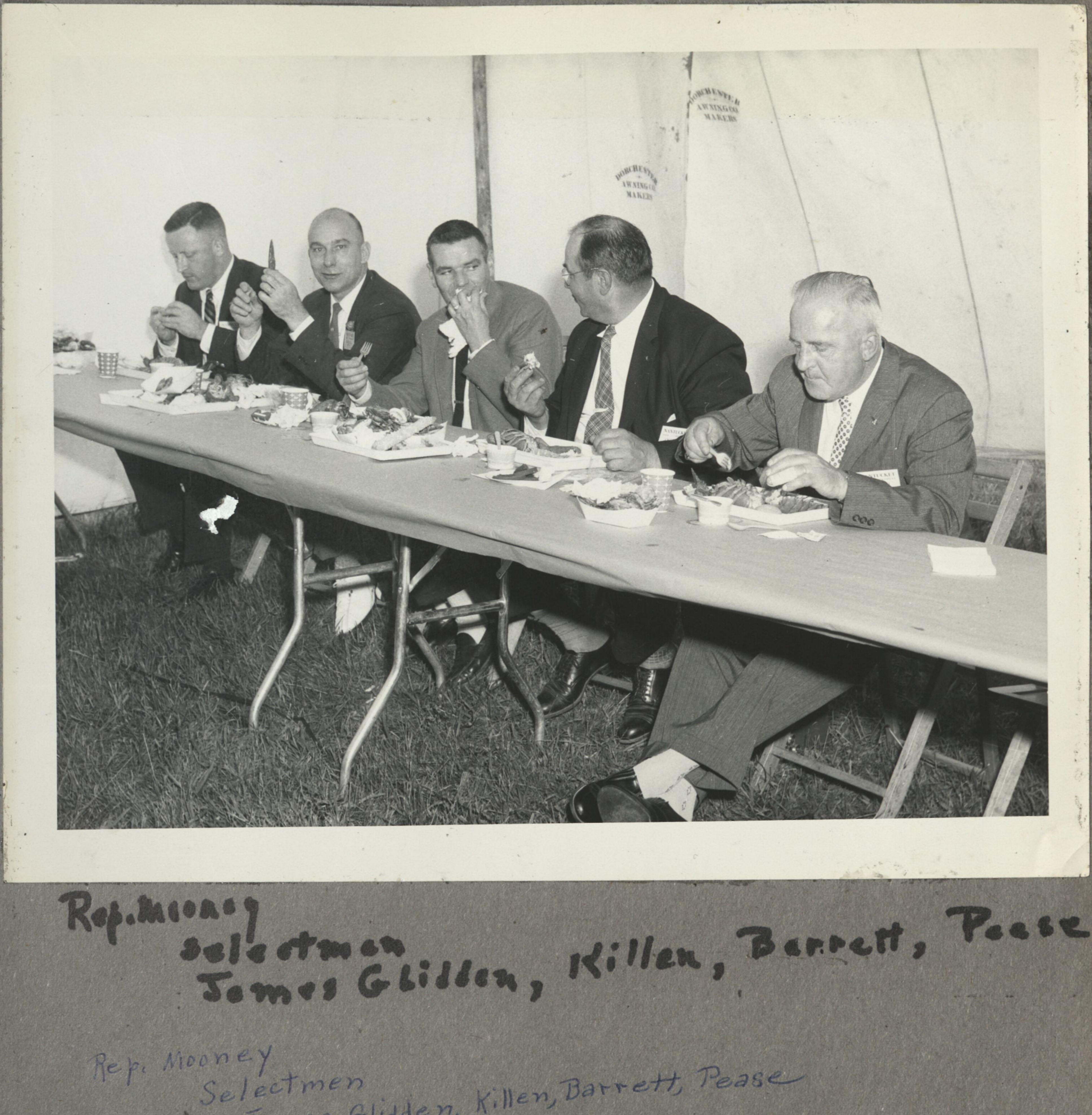
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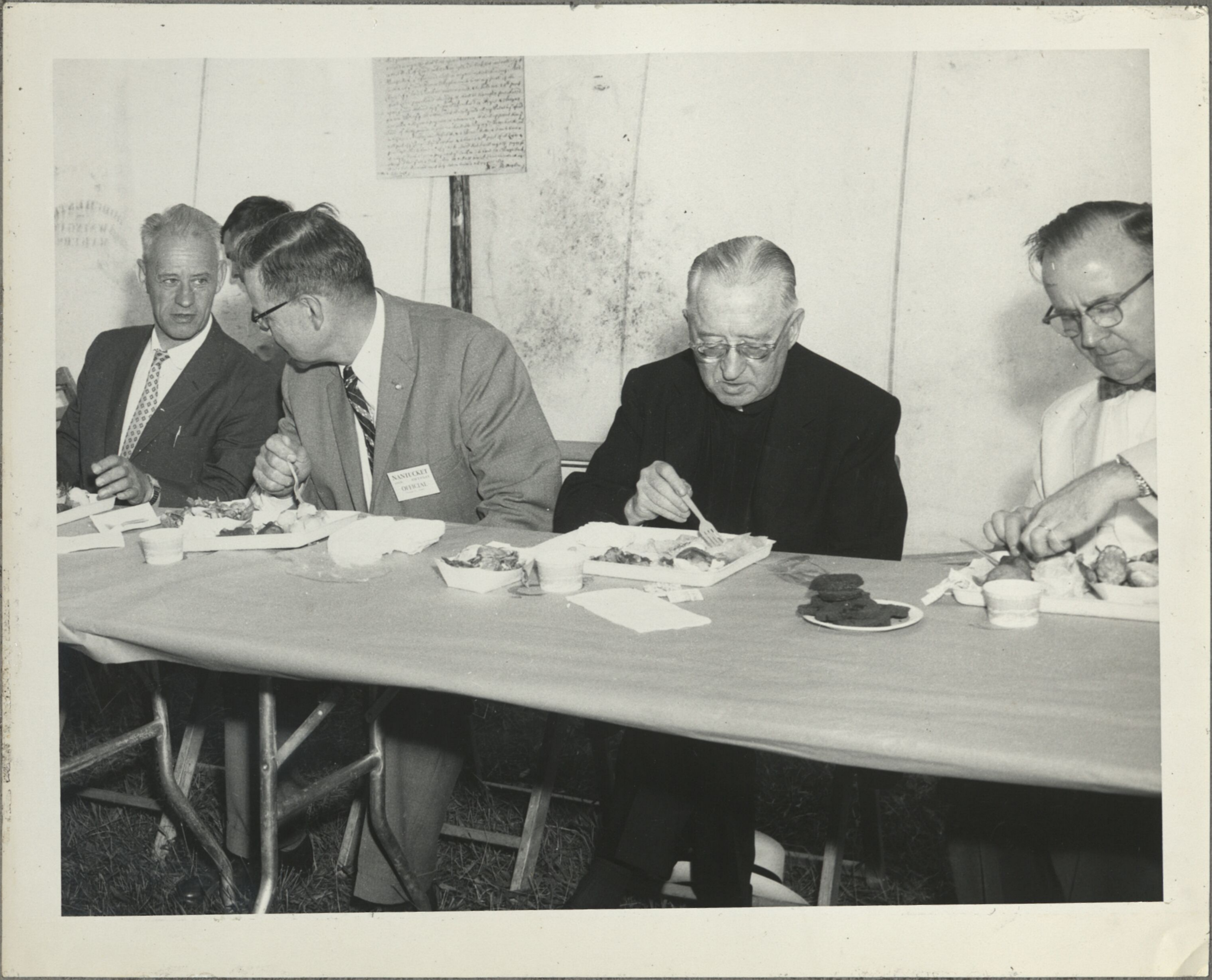
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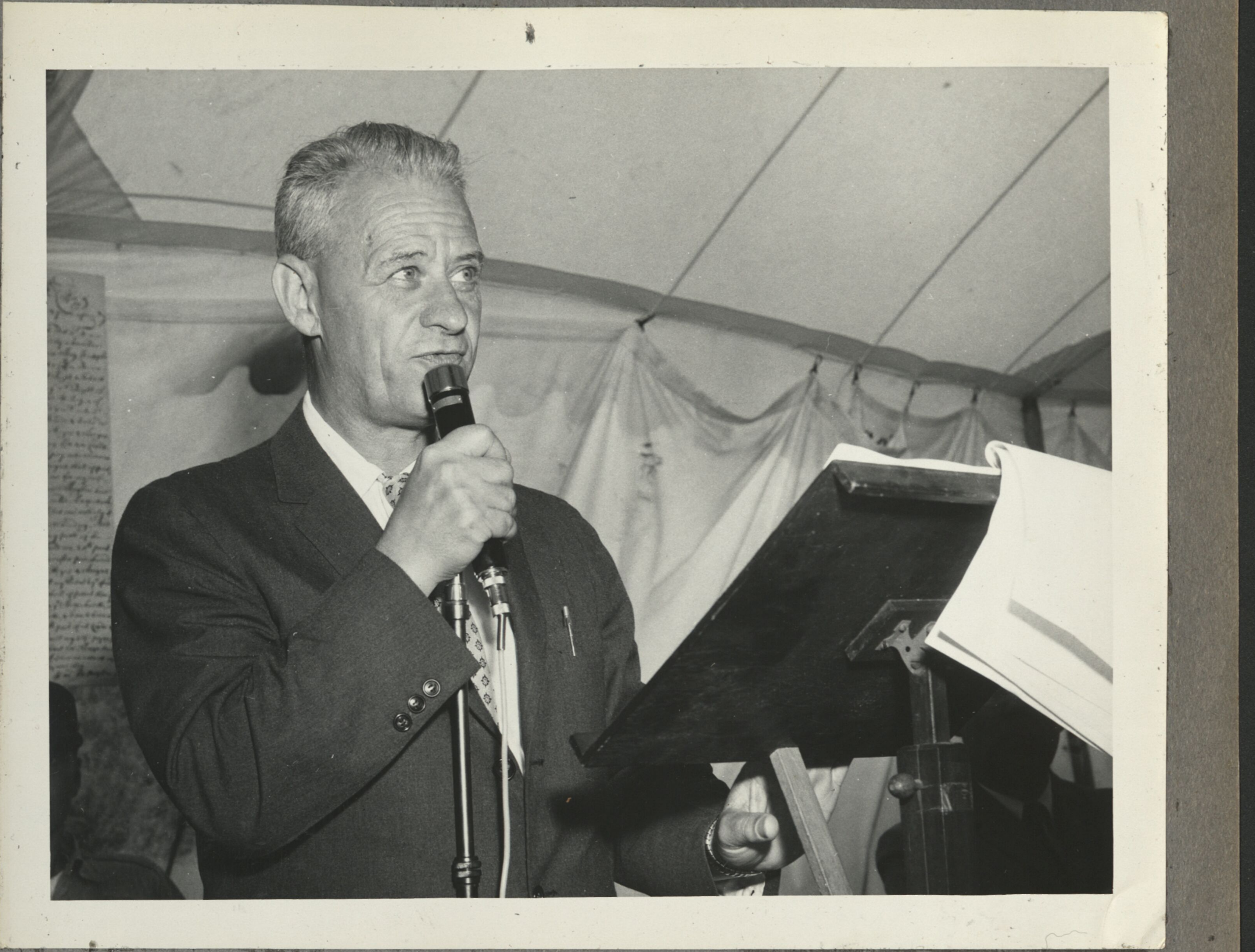

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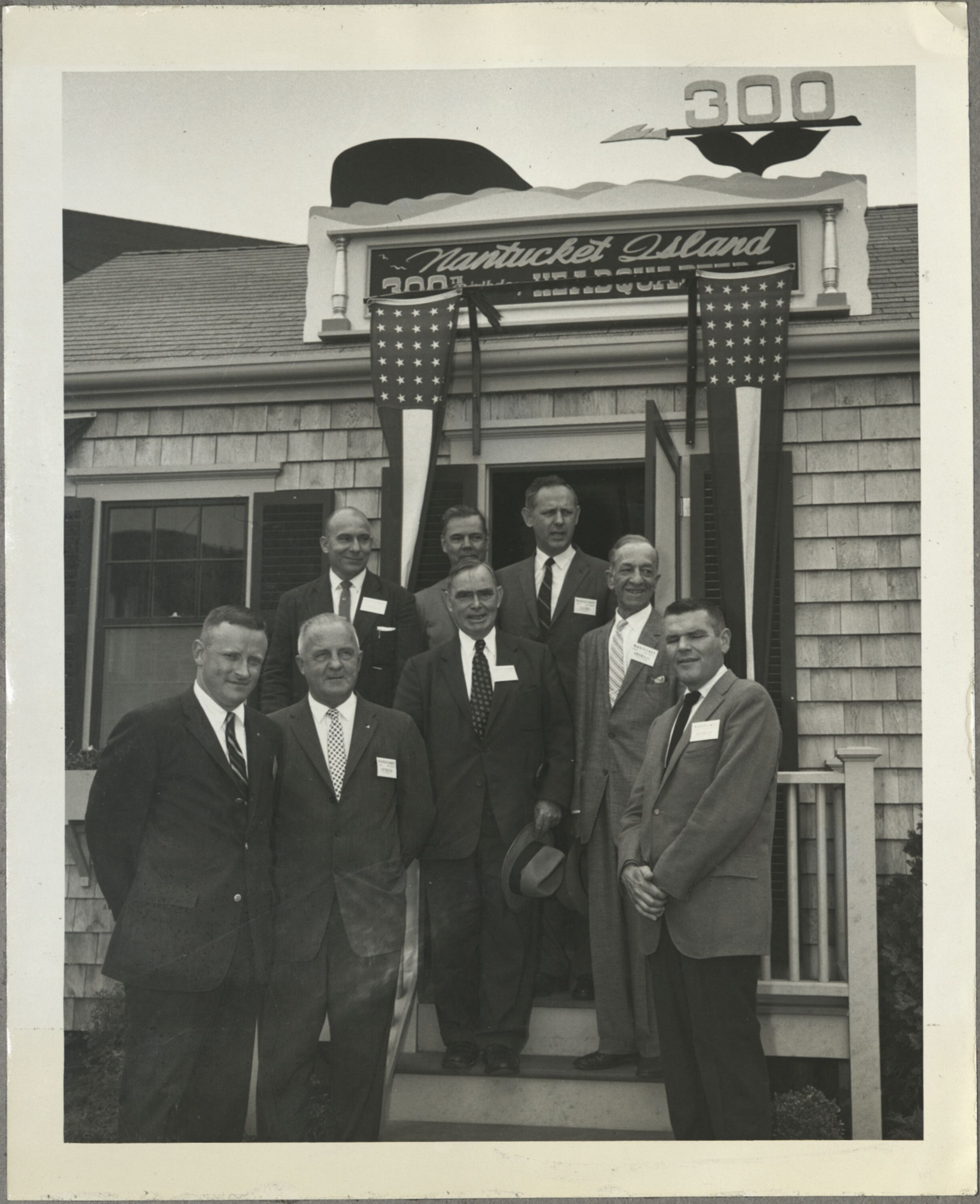
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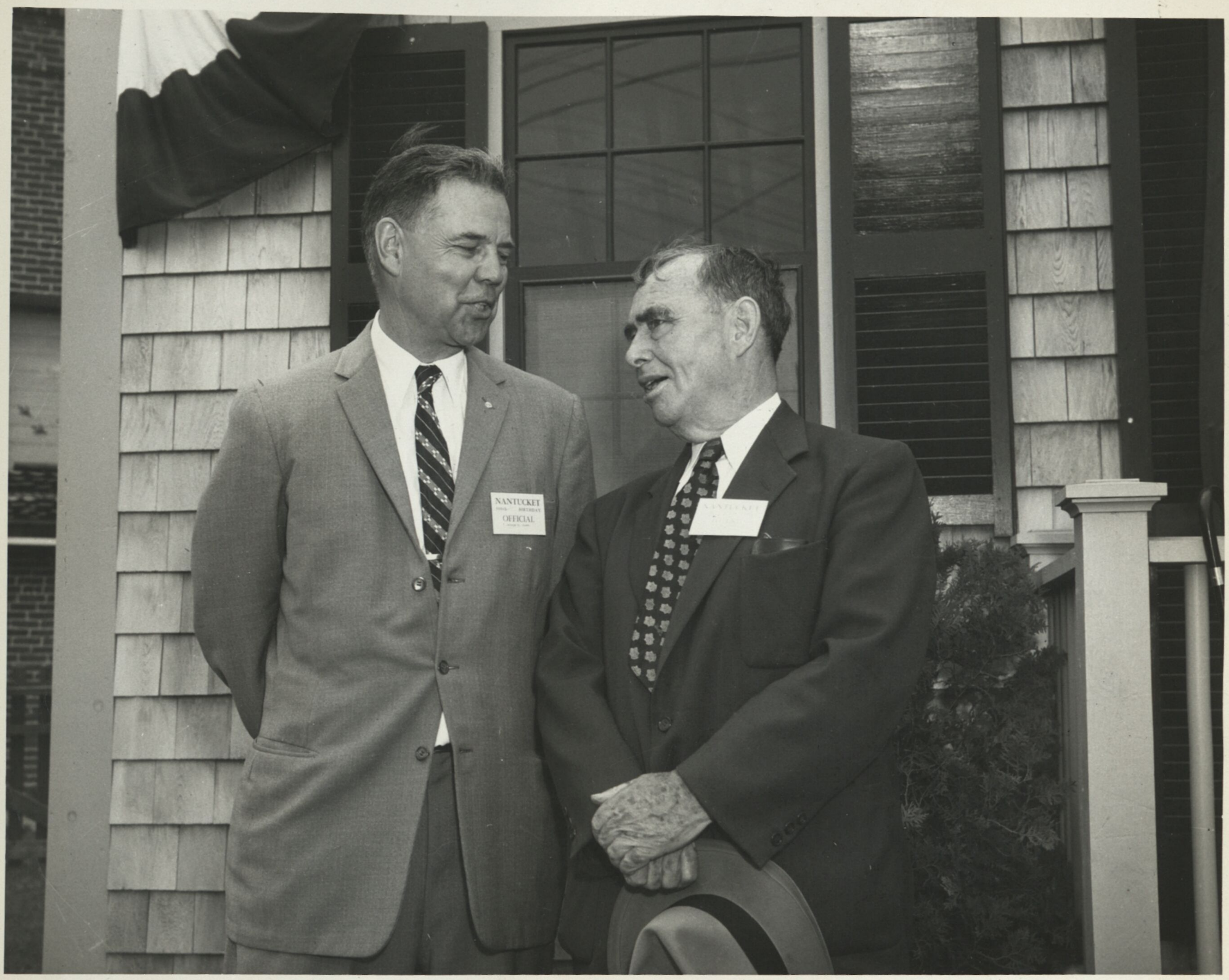
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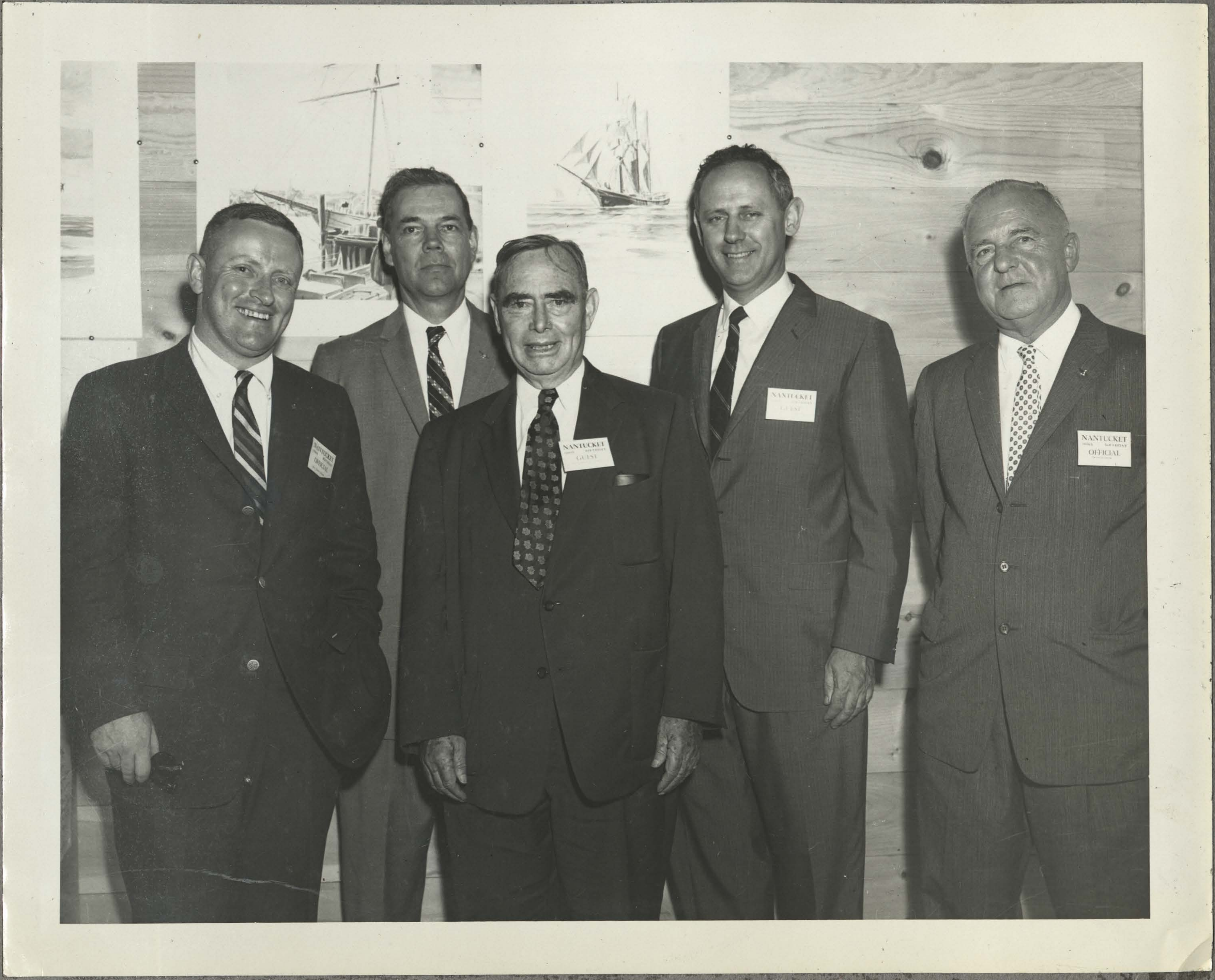
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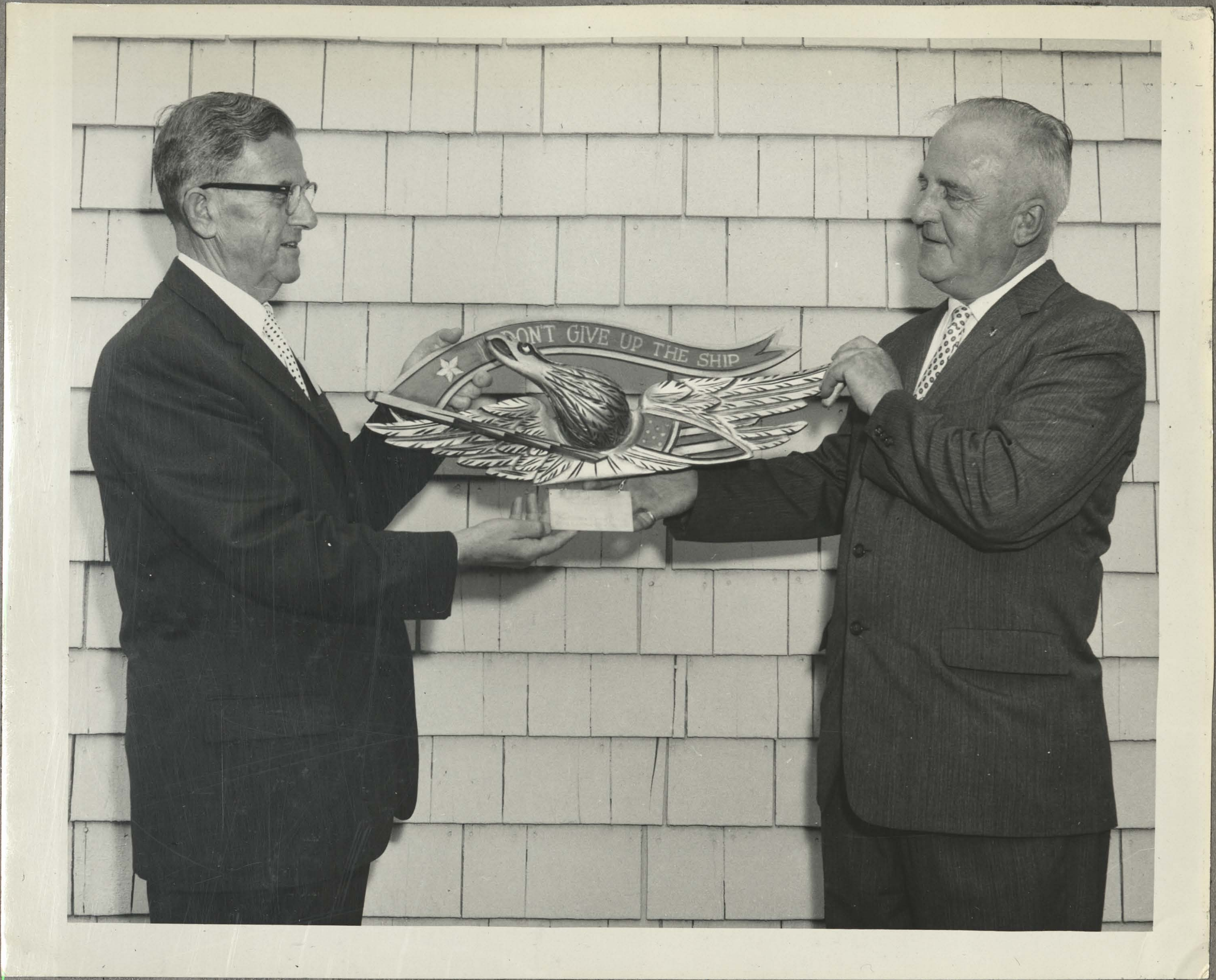
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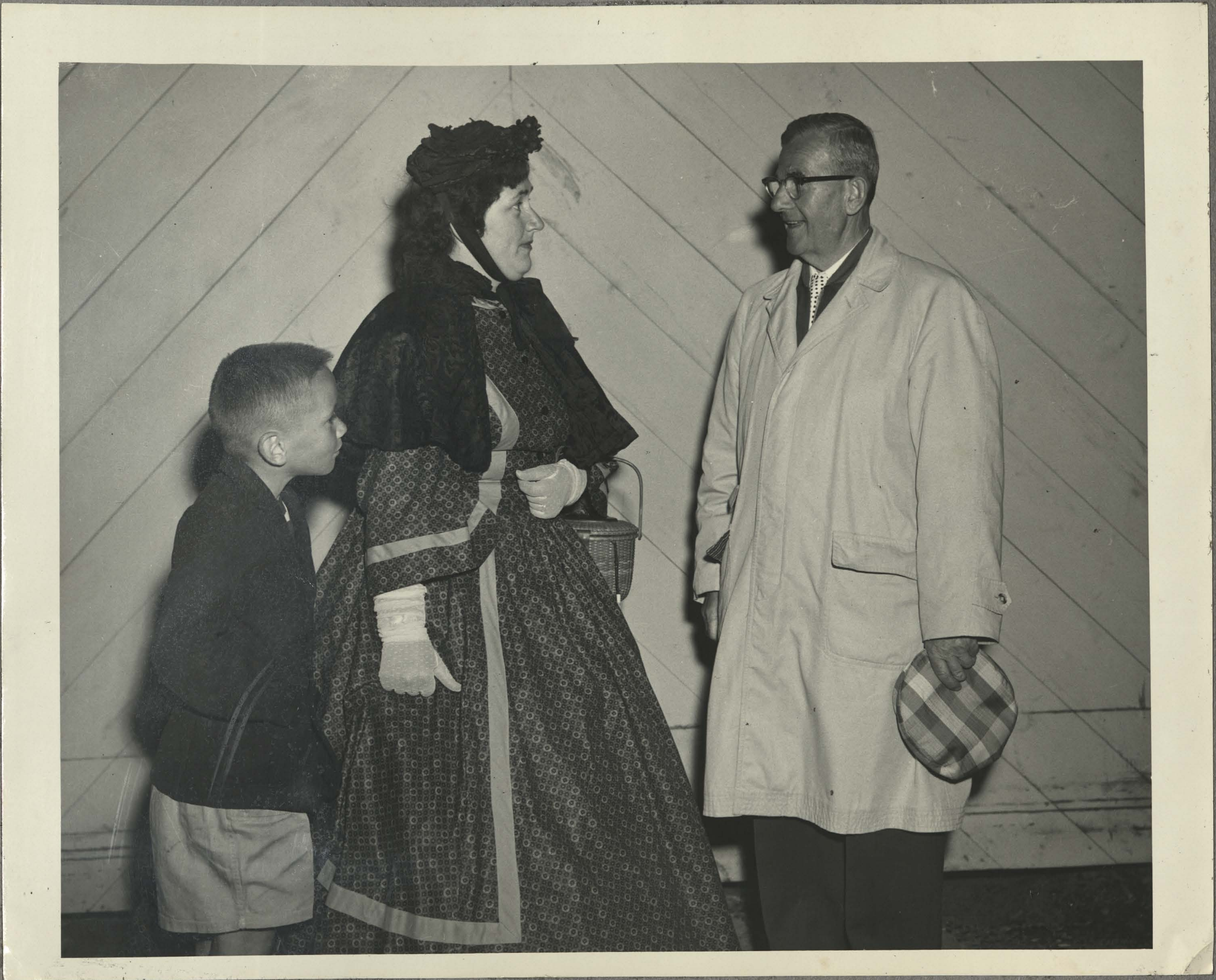

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# *Giant Size Clam Bake Prepared at Nantucket For Its 300th Birthday*

**By DON GUY**

NANTUCKET (AP)—This little island is rocking if not rolling today on the even of it's 300th birthday. A whale of a clam bake is set for tomorrow noon instead of the usual birthday party.

Exactly three centuries ago tomorrow the island was purchased for 30 pounds and a couple of beaver hats. The deed from Thomas Mayhew is still on file in Albany, N. Y. Nantucket was formerly part of the New York colony.

**In recent years Nantucket has threatened to cast itself adrift from the rest of the United States, especially when mainlanders think up some new kind of tax. However all is harmony now and the islanders hope they will top the 100,000 visitors they had last summer.**

Thirty miles off the coast of Masachusetts, Nantucket is only 15 miles long. The islanders once subsisted on whales from the oceans of the world. Now they depend on the summer tourist trade.

Approximately 800 guests, including 100 Massachusetts legislators, have been invited to tomorrow's clam bake.

The islanders are so busy with its summer actviities that the birthday committee found they couldn't hire enough waitresses so they are importing them.

Even extra clams and lobsters had to be brought in. Visitors had already eaten up the local supply.

But the crowning blow was when the bakemaster decided he couldn't find the right kind of rocks cn Nantucket.

**In case you aren't up on your clam bake cuisine, hot rocks are used to cook the lobsters and clams in holes banked with seawood.**

Bakemasters claim you can't use the same rocks twice. They lose their heat retaining qaulity.

Nantucket, not willing to quarry its quaint stone walls, imported 12 tons of rocks.

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# Nantucket Recalls Past

**By BOB SALMON**
**United Press International**

NANTUCKET, Mass. (UPI) — Nantucket celebrates its 300th birthday Thursday with a still vivid memory of the big birthday present that came floating on the tide 40 years too soon.

There were no dignitaries on hand then—no bands blaring and no speeches. Folks just stood on the beaches and watched, openmouthed.

The ocean was dotted with little white blobs. Off the northeast tip of the island the British steamer Gaelic was fast aground on a sand bar.

In an attempt to float her, the crew had dumped about 900 tons of coconut oil. Upon hitting the icy water—it was a cold day in March—the oil hardened and formed blobs the size of snowballs.

The islanders gathered them up by the basket, wagon, and truckload. Stored in cool cellars the balls remained congealed while the town fathers pondered their situation.

The lights burned late in the red brick Town Hall for nights on end. At last someone struck on an idea.:

Coconut oil makes good soap with caustic soda. The word was passed around and the islanders bought up every barrel of cuastic soda on the nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island mainland.

But there was not nearly enough caustic soda to use up all the coconut oil and the cellars were still bulding with the snowballs which would turn liquid and rancid in the summer heat.

Just about then, the story goes, the insurance men showed up. If the islanders tried to sell the oil they would be arrested, the men from the mainland warned.

But the Nantucketers, a sturdy lot with a fine contempt for mainlanders, laughed off the threat. The island jail, they pointed out, held but two persons.

Eventually, the oil was loaded on two steamers and hauled to New York. Some say it was sold by the islanders for $10,000 to the big soap makers.

Then again, there are those who say the snowball harvesters "didn't get much of anything."

Either way, it was a nice birthday present while it lasted.

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**NORWALK, Conn.**
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# Nantucket--Thar She Goes!

Nantucket blew out the 300 candles on her 11-foot birthday cake yesterday, and pitched into a tercentennial celebration to dwarf all others. And indeed it does, what with clambakes, music, parades, exhibitions galore, and such a procession of political notables as would take one's breath away!

The goings-on won't be over till the purple broom is budding on the Nantucket moors, next September, and the gulls creak and wheel over white beaches emptied of vacationers, and the Wharf Rat Club bethinks itself of going into Winter quarters. All of which is as it should be.

Good New Englanders, who wisely go to Nantucket while they are alive, perhaps in the hope of earning thereby a ghostly welcome there in the hereafter, all applaud this birthday celebration. So will the entire country, many a bright page of whose history is studded with Nantucket names. May the weather gage ride high off Sankety Head all Summer, and blue skies arch over Handkerchief Shoals, as well.

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Sun (e)
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Independent Republican
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# NANTUCKET AT 300

## A Huge Clambake Will Top the Roster Of Activities for Island's Birthday

By JAMES DURWOOD

NANTUCKET, Mass. — This tiny island, thirty miles at sea south of the forearm of Cape Cod, is observing its 300th anniversary this year. It is doing so in a manner befitting its particular charm.

The menfolk are raising beards and the women folk are making period costumes. None of the events scheduled through the season is of the type to disturb those who have known the island as a haven of relaxation.

For £30 silver and two beaver hats, eleven Massachusetts families bought Nantucket from Thomas Mayhew in 1659. It had been discovered fifty-seven years earlier by Bartholomew Gosnold, an Englishman.

Nantucket—the name in the Algonquin Indian tongue means "faraway island"—became the whaling capital of the world. And in its heyday, whale oil first landed here by Nantucketers was exported to light the streets of London and Paris.

The community has the distinction of being, all at once, an island, a town and a county. Many of the houses are painted gray, helping to give the island its nickname of "the little gray lady of the sea." It has a prim, starched and ironed look.

### Preferred Times

Nantucket has a year-round population of about 3,600, but this is swelled four and five-fold during the vacation season. Those who are most familiar with the island prefer to visit it in June, or after Labor Day, when cars are scarce and bicycling is the chief means of transportation.

The principal event of the 300th anniversary will be an island birthday party next Thursday, when the town will have a huge clambake for a guest list that includes many famous persons.

During the summer, concerts by such organizations as the Boston Symphony Orchestra, musicians from Castle Hill at Ipswich, Mass., and the 567th Air Force Band will be given.

A sheep-shearing festival, square dances, seminars on whaling, a firemen's muster and parades next Saturday and again on Sept. 12 are other low-pressure programs on the schedule.

The Veteran Motor Car Club will meet here July 11-22 and the Sports Car Club of America will tour the island July 25-26.

The United States Navy will recognize Nantucket's place in American history Aug. 11 when the destroyer Miller visits the old port. The visit will be marked by the dedication of a plaque to William Mooers captain of the old whaler Bedford, said to have been the first ship to fly a United States flag in an English port.

### Priority for Gardens

Nantucketers built their houses to the edge of the sidewalk, giving more room for gardens at the sides and in the rear. For that reason, traffic in narrow streets downtown has had to be slow-moving and its drivers polite.

In general, the houses are a study in better early American architecture. The whaling industry began to fade about the time in architectural history that gingerbread facades became popular. Few people on the island could afford to make the changes, so the houses remained simple.

Bicycle riding, a favorite pastime for visitors, is not recommended along Main Street. This thoroughfare, through the principal shopping center, is paved with cobblestones that once served as ballast on whaling ships. The street will be closed to automobiles on Aug. 11 when it will be the site of a town-wide fete.

The bearded men and costumed women will take part in tableaux and quilting bees and will guide visitors on tours of historic homes. For camera enthusiasts, the homes and gardens will provide scenes reminiscent of the Eighteen Hundreds.

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**Sun (e)**
**LOWELL, Mass.**
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**Enquirer**
**LITCHFIELD, Conn.**
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**Caledonian-Record (e)**
**ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt.**
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**Old Colony Memorial**
**PLYMOUTH, Mass.**
Weekly Independent
Circ. 5,926

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**ELMER KNIGHT TO SERVE ISLAND BAKE**

Elmer Knight, of the local Holmes and Young Catering Service, today will be bakemaster at a mammoth clambake on Nantucket. The island is marking its 300th anniversary. Elmer, with a crew of 20 men, and 30 waitresses supervised by Mrs. Marjorie Mosher of Carver, will serve between 800 and 1,000 people.

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**Item (e)**
**CLINTON, Mass.**
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# Nantucket Recovers From Birthday Party

NANTUCKET, Mass. (UPI) — This historic island community, recovered today from a mammoth 300th birthday celebration hampered only slightly by bad weather.

The islanders took the adverse elements in stride Thursday but arrival of a host of VIP's was delayed by dense fog which blanketed sea lanes and airways.

A huge seaside clambake for 500 and a series of other events, not the least of which was the birth of another islander, went on as scheduled. Costumes, feasts and the familiar fog toasted the "little gray lady of the sea."

Ceremonies continued through the evening as cake candles lighted the skies. There were 100 on a giant concoction — each candle representing three years of recorded island history.

Lt. Gov. Robert F. Murphy was fogged in at Falmouth most of the day but other officials, including

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## Nantucket—

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30 state legislators made it to the island by boat and were greeted by Rep. Robert F. Mooney, first Democratic lawmaker ever sent to Boston by the islanders.

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**BOSTON, Mass.**
Independent
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## LET'S GO DANCING

# Bill Spence Opens Nantasket Surf Name Series

**By EDDIE RUGG**

That's certainly major programming that's been worked out by Bill Spence of Nantasket's Surf—designed to provide dancers with exciting entertainment events both for tonight and in the weeks ahead.

This evening, for example, popular Tony Abbott comes on stage with his happy style of down-beat. Tony precedes big dates here by Larry Cooper-Linda Bowe (4th) and Stan Kenton (7th). And of course Bill's "Night Before" should find the Surf jam-packed—with teen-agers taking over the early evening and the Freshmen in about 11 to keep things bustling to dawn.

Jackie Roche is the melodyman tonight at the New State. Jackie comes in with his famous recording band. Be reminded of the holiday eve's big dance here. Prizes, dance contests and the Paul Adams' band.

Satchmo's illness has cancelled out his date at the Hampton Casino next Wednesday, but John Dineen nevertheless has a starry array of talent set for the nights ahead. Freddy Saterial comes in tonight, and Jerry Vale is the over-the-4th week-ender. The Casino's Night Before promises to be gayer than ever.

Ted Herbert is tonight's music-maker at the Commodore. Thereafter the Commodore locks up shop for the week, reopening on the 9th. Don't forget the switch from Wednesdays to Thursdays here . . . Bob Chesnut continues to make those happy dancing sounds at Hampton Court. Dancing continues throughout the summer.

Joe DeSimone's quest for the lady to represent the Varsity Club in the Miss N. E. Ballroom Contest continues this week-end at the Sherry. First-class dancing, of course, with the Guy Ormandy band .

The holiday also swings in with a bright dance at Oceanview, where Jimmy Stella takes over the bandstand. Tonight the Revere spot features Frank Rogers. Larry Elgart in next week . . . Ackerman ballroom finds George Kay in a return visit. A pleasant spot, indeed, for Saturday visiting.

Kas Ulaky, Lou Captell and Anthony Berni, co-owners of Canobie Lake Park, are the subject of "profiles" in the current "Business Views and News," monthly newsletter of the Merrimack Valley National Bank.

Larry Cooper has received the nod for the big anniversary ball at Nantucket on July 2. It's the island's tercentenary.

While Satchmo's illness bars his keeping immediate bookings in N. E. and elsewhere, don't be surprised if his band carries on until Louis returns—under the baton of Red Nichols.

ART TANCREDI
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GEORGE KAY
*Ackerman*

FREDDY SATERIAL
*Casino*

TED HERBERT
*Commodore*

Old-time dancing swings merrily on tonight at Revere's Beachview. Similarly does the Convention provide a most alluring Saturday with the Al Bandera band.

Art Tancredi, former Dorsey trumpeter and winner of the Rhode Island "Best New Band" contest returns to Rhodes. Good wishes, too, to the Riccios, who mark their 5th anniversary at Rhodes this week-end.

Talented Bob Bachelder goes right on making those Totem Pole week-ends danceably delightful. Great band, great music . . . Don Dudley is the week-ender at Moseley's. Don is a great Dedham favorite . . . Earl Rand proves a splendid lure at Coral Gables

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## THE ITEM HEARS

That vacationists who toured the White Mountains and the notches last weekend most certainly did not come home with sunburns. Motel and cabin owners are somewhat discouraged with the continually wet and cloudy weekends which, of course, cut into their business tremendously.

That yesterday's warm weather brought out bathers by the hundreds at Wakefield's public bathing beach and the Col. Edward J. Connelly park at the north end of the lake.

That several large pieces of railroad stock have been taken to Pleasure Island for the Engine City section which is not complete yet.

That Marge Harrington, wife of Realtor Gordon Harrington, won the women's golf championship at the recent Mass. Realtor's convention at Lake Tarlton.

That the Doucette-Sadowski Fund members have asked that all icket proceeds be turned in to Dave Gersin before Friday, prior o the July 4 drawing for the outoard motor and boat being given s an appreciation award.

That Mrs. Everett E. Packard of 24 Wharton pk was the winner of the oil painting by Earle A. Titus, awarded by the Holiday Bakery.

That the selectmen have received an invitation from the inhabitants of Nantucket to attend their 300th anniversary celebration tomorrow. Selectman Herbert R. Waite will be a representative of Wakefield at the affair.

**The Listener.**

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**Day (e)**
**NEW LONDON, Conn.**
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## Stackpole Speaker At Nantucket Event

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# Nantucket's Old Foe, Fog, Dims 300th Birthday Party

By EDWARD G. McGRATH
(Globe Staff Correspondent)

NANTUCKET, July 2—This island of seafarers, tourists and historians celebrated 300 years of official history today by greeting a birthday baby and entertaining 500 guests at a whopping seashore clambake.

Every facet of the celebration followed tradition—the costumes, feast and fog which garbed the "little gray lady of the sea" in unwanted gray raiment.

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(Globe Photo by Louis R

ANNIVERSARY BABY—Sally Ingram, 11, admires Mrs. Eugenie Kniske 9-pound, 4½-ounce child, born early yesterday at Nantucket Cottage Hospita. Sally is dressed for community's 300th anniversary celebration.

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The 11 a.m. clambake at Children's Beach was postponed until 3 p.m. Pre-warned members of the 8th Air Force Band boarded buses at 3:30 a.m. and journeyed to Wood's Hole for a delayed boat trip instead of air flight.

**With each flight cancellation the pile of telegrams of regret grew.**

Nantucket's celebration was hampered but not denied. At mid-afternoon the vessel from Wood's Hole nosed through the fog, her arrival heralded by martial airs of the military band playing on the forward deck.

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Appropriately the birthday baby is the grandson of Edouard Stackpole, curator of the Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut, and principal speaker. His mother is Stackpole's daughter, Mrs. Frank Kniskern of Cliff rd.

A prelude to a gathering of Tristram Coffin's descendants, scheduled for July 7 to 9 was held by the vanguard of 400 of this founder's descendants from all over the world.

Scores of Gardner descendants met for the first time for their official gathering.

**Coffin, along with 10 other founders, gave this island cause to celebrate today by signing the first deed on July 2, 1659.**

With clambake attendance sharply reduced by the stubborn fog, the 500 present shared more than ample helpings of clams, fish, frankfurts, sausages, onions, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, brown bread, lobster and watermelon.

One fatality of the fog was presentation planned by Lt. Gov. Robert Murphy. He found helicopter transportation from Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth, to the island impossible and sat out the afternoon in hopes that the fog would lift eventually. It didn't.

In his possession was a certified copy of the Acts of 1795, signed by Gov. Samuel Adams, changing the name of the island from Sherburne to Nantucket. Secretary of State Joseph Ward, a shipboard arrival, announced that the presentation will be made later.

Rep. Joseph Martin of Attleboro and Cong. Hastings Keith of the Nantucket congressional district carried greetings from Congress and the White House. During the clambake ceremonies, Stackpole author and historian, traced the island's history and lauded the courage of its founders and early whaling seafarers.

Guest of honor was "Mr. Nantucket," 87-year-old Dr. William Gardner, descendant of a first settler and chronicler of the island's lore and history.

Rev. Bradford Johnson of St. Paul's Episcopal Church served as master of ceremonies. Other clergymen participating were Rev. Edward F. Dowling, of St. Mary's Church and Rev. Bruce Koerner of the Center Street Methodist Church.

The Air Force musicians played martial music while the residents, tourists and guests savored the seafood beneath a 200-yard long tent on the beach.

**Ceremonies continued beyond nightfall with light from a giant 100-candle cake—each candle representing three years—reflecting on the overhead fog.**

White church steeples, bathed in spotlights, added to the brilliance.

Electric candles of the cake on the lawn of the Nantucket Atheneum burst alive at 9:15 p.m. with ceremonial switch-pulling by Kenneth N. Pease, chairman of the board of selectmen.

All was not Colonial in dress of the residents. Indian headpieces, worn by members of the Independent Order of Redmen, added to the color parading along cobblestone streets.

After the cake-lighting ceremony Nantucketeers — native and adopted — followed the Redmen of Wauwinet tribe to a semi-formal ball at the high school.

Plans mapped over a two-year span were suddenly stymied at dawn. Celebrities from government, industry and entertainment were attempting to converge on the island but found the airlanes and sealanes snapped shut by dense fog.

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**ALFY MELOON**, genial bakemaster at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, near Portsmouth, N. H., proudly displays two of the lobsters that he prepared for a typical clambake in a cove near the resort hotel. He supervises about 200 bakes each year.

# New England Clambakes Featured At Many Places

By SANDO BOLOGNA

The outdoor New England clambake season is in "full steam" from Connecticut's beaches to the ragged shoreline of Maine's "down East."

In the Waterbury area, bakes are sponsored by various fraternal, political organizations The most popular area bake is the one put on by Waterbury Lodge, Elks, on the Sunday after Labor Day.

One of the most elaborate bakes was held recently on Nantucket to highlight the island's 300th anniversary celebration. The most lavish series of bakes consist of the three-day Maine Seafoods Festival in Rockland which opens July 31.

### Pilgrims Had Them

Two traditional types of New England clambakes have been developed from the days of the Pilgrims when Indians taught the settlers how to steam clams among seaweeds.

They are the "rock" and "box" bakes. The "rock" is considered the older method and, for obvious reasons, it is found at shore places.

The oven for a "rock" bake consists of large stones arranged in pit formation. Thirty to 40 large, round dry rocks are usually put into the wide shallow pit. Cords of wood are burned over the rocks for two or three hours until the oven becomes very hot. Meanwhile, a thorough washing is given to the clams, potatoes, chickens and other ingredients that go into the menu.

When the rocks have become white-hot, the entire pit is covered with seaweed, probably six inches thick. Chicken wire is put over the weed and the food is laid on the wire. Usually potatoes go on the first layer, then weed is placed over the potatoes, then come the mackerel, chicken, corn and lobster. The food is usually baked in cheesecloth so that it is kept together and cooks well.

A white sheet is put over the topmost layer of food and a tarpaulin is the overall cover. Then a pail of water is poured over the stuff so that the steam can thicken. Within an hour or so, the food is ready for the picnickers. Rock bakes are numerous in the Narragansett Bay section of Rhode Island which some connoisseurs call the "bake country."

At some seashore restaurants, there are concrete or stone, platforms pits instead of sandstone pits. Some bakes feature large sugar barrels which have been soaked in water before the food is put into them.

### "Box" Bakes

Bakemasters at "box" bakes put the ingredients in a box or container which is 36 inches high and as many inches wide and long. Each diner is given his meal in a sterile cheesecloth sack.

Old-fashioned "pit" bakes are week end specialties at the Edaville Railroad grounds at South Carver, Mass., and along Maine's shore resorts. At Pleasant Island Lodge, Oquossoc, Maine, lobster picnics are held every Friday evening.

One of the most popular places for bakes that are prepared in a huge container with separate compartments for ingredients is at the beachfront of Wentworth-by-the-sea, near Portsmouth, N. H. The large hotel on picturesque New Castle Island has a bake every Friday during the social season and almost daily during the convention days.

James Barker Smith, hotel president, is the host at some of these bakes but Alfy Meloon, the bakemaster, always hands out the delectable dishes. Wearing a bright red shirt and an old seaman's cap, Alfy has become a master bakemaster during the past 13 seasons that he had been at the resort. He calls the female customers "dear" and "honey" as he greets them with the appetizing food.

The Wentworth bakes may be for six or 600 people during the summer and when Alfy supervises more than 200 bakes. The main course consists of lobster, clams, chicken and corn. The customary starter is a bowl of steaming clam chowder. Once in a while, a diner has swallowed the creamy butter flavoring by mistaking it for the chowder. Ice cold watermelon is usually the most popular dessert.

Diners at the better organized bakes are given large white butcher's aprons and white hats so that they will not soil their clothing from the juicy drippings of the ingredients.

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Lt. Gov. Robert F. Murphy several times winged over the island in an Air Force plane. He was unable to land and missed the opening clambake.

The Air Force also made efforts to fly Murphy in a helicopter to this island, 30 miles at sea. This too was balked by the dense fog sweeping in from the ocean.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass) arrived aboard a steamer that found its way from Hyannis on Cape Cod.

Elmer C. Knight of Plymouth and a crew of 20 men and 30 women put on a clambake for about 600 guests.

Bakemaster Knight had to bring 12 tons of rocks with him since rocks are scarce on Nantucket. The rocks are first heated then covered with wet seaweed to steam-cook the clams, corn and lobsters.

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By BOB SALMON
United Press International

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# Ball As Part Of 300th Birthday Program Set

An offer of the Wauwinet Tribe IORM to sponsor a ball the night of July 2, 1959 and recreate the signing of the deed on the Island's 300 anniversary was enthusiastically endorsed by members of the 300th Birthday Committee which met with its technical director, Paul B. Newsome of Boston, last Friday.

The Red Men's ball is to be held at the High School auditorium.

The Committee discussed and is now trying to secure four committee chairmen to take charge of guided tours, a Main Street fete, transportation and music during the celebration.

Some five souvenirs have been approved by the Committee for resale. They include automobile tags, Island maps, plaques of historic buildings, engraved drinking glasses, and tiles. The Committee is perusing the script of a play, "Nantucket Epic" by Mrs. Margaret F. Wilson, for presentation during the celebration.

Letters are to be sent, Mr. Newsome advised the Committee, to firms inviting them to hold conventions here in June or September in 1959.

The Committee has decided to furnish hotels and lodging houses with priority reservation cards this Summer for distribution to guests who desire to return to the Island in 1959.

Mr. Newsome told the Committee Mrs. John Cloud of his firm, Newsome and Co., will be in charge of the Nantucket account.

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### Fireworks Show Opens Holiday

## NANTUCKET THRONGED FOR DUAL OBSERVANCE

[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

NANTUCKET — This famous summer vactionland ushered in "the Fourth" and celebrated its 300th anniversary with a big fireworks display Friday night.

Several thousand islanders and visitors jammed Jetties beach and other vantage points to watch the display.

Some 15,000 visitors and vacationists were expected on the island over the weekend—by far the biggest crowd of the season.

Late arrivals reported they were unable to find any bicycles for rent. Bicycling is one of the popular pastimes on Nantucket. The island's 400 bicycles are more numerous than its citizens.

An estimated 1500 persons poured onto the island during the day via teamship and commercial airplane. Countless others arrived in private planes and yachts.

More than 500 boats were tied up in the harbor.

Members of the Coffin family, who will hold a reunion starting next Tuesday, began arriving from far-flung places. Nearly 500 descendants of Tristram Coffin, one of the 10 original settlers were due to attend.

be stepped up, the paper said.

Islanders reported Friday a "perfect" day. Warm and sunny, ideal bathing conditions.

On Sunday, the Unitarian Church will mark its 150 anniversary. The old Portuguese bell of the church, which sounds 52 strokes thrice daily, is familiar to all who have visited here.

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### Memories Bring Up Gala Celebration

# Nantucket a Whaling Village Again as Yankee Docks

By EDWARD G. McGRATH
(Globe Staff Correspondent)

NANTUCKET, July 1—The towering white sails of the ship appeared over the horizon just before sunset and to those on the dock it was a nostalgic reminder of Nantucket's days of glory in the whaling ship era.

The brigantine Yankee, following the route of the vessels that chased the Moby Dicks a century ago, moved gracefully into the harbor tonight to set off the great celebration of the 300th anniversary of the signing of the deed granting land to the first settlers.

**All Nantucket will turn out tomorrow for speeches, band music and a giant clambake. Then for the rest of the Summer this island will proudly flaunt its long history for tourists.**

More than 200 V.I.P. guests, including New England governors, will attend the big cook-out tomorrow.

Some arrived aboard the Yankee tonight after a journey from Woods Hole. They enjoyed a day-long sail in Nantucket Sound before pulling into the harbor.

A welcoming sight was the church steeples bright with floodlights against the darkening sky.

**Six teenage gorls made an attractive addition to the crew as they assisted in the duties of a sailing ship, a rare chance today to learn the old ways of the sea.**

The Girl Scout Mariners were Susan Pelson of Barstow st., Mattapoisett; Geoffrey Arnold, 34 Fort st., Fairhaven; Kathleen English, New Bedford rd., Rochester; Mimi Haskell, 58 Fair st., Nantucket; Norma Hansen, 32 Easton st., Nantucket, and Diane Sisson, 233 Russells Mill rd., South Dartmouth.

On the dock was a crowd of Nantucketeers, many of the men sporting beards grown for the celebration, and the ladies in Colonial costumes.

**Tonight's big welcome was a prelude to ceremonies tomorrow at Children's Beach where 1000 persons will be served a clambake. The 8th Air Force Band from Westover will arrive in the morning by plane to serenade the guests.**

Long tables have been set up along the beach for the guests who will dine on clams, fish, frankfurts, sausages, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, brown bread, lobster, watermellon and coffee.

George Jones, president of the Nantucket Historical Assn., will be master of ceremonies and the principal speaker will be Edward A. Stackpole, curator of the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Stackpole is a Nantucket native.

Other speakers will be Rev. Bradford Johnson, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Edward F. Dowling of St. Mary's Church, and Rev. Bruce Koerner of the Center Street Methodist Church.

The island families are also having their own homecoming events this week with native-born off-islanders returning to their birthplace for reunions.

**The town is decorated with flags and bunting and the little old island is prepared to kick up its heels—in a conservative New England manner, of course.**

Those arriving tonight and those who will come in tomorrow will get pieces of an old-fashioned pound cake as a welcome-to-the-island gift.

Passing out the cake at the Steamboat Wharf tonight were Carol King and Sally Ingram.

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### *Oil on the Waters*

# 300th Anniversary Nantucket Marks

By BOB SALMON

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# Nantucket Fireworks Draw Record Throng

NANTUCKET, July 3—Honky tonk? Shmonky tonk!

More than 5000 people jammed the cliffside of the Jetties Beach—Brant Point area tonight, to watch an hour long fireworks display . . . and, town fathers notwithstanding, it was part of the island's 300th birthday celebration.

Officials unanimously agreed the fireworks drew the largest crowds of the entire celebration.

The Anniversary Steering Committee had long since turned thumbs down on fireworks as part of the celebration on the grounds that the theme of the observance should be dedicated to culture.

**"Fireworks are honky tonk," said one member.**

But Robert Christman, commander of the American Legion post disagreed. He wanted something more for everybody . . . especially the children.

**Gets $1500 Appropriation**

He drew up an article asking a $1500 appropriation for fireworks at the town meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended no action on his article.

But Christman took the floor himself and won over heavy disapproval by the town fathers.

Tonight the fireworks really began.

Streets throughout the island were jammed with cars.

And the children? It may have been honky-tonk but they loved it. As far as they're concerned the anniversary celebration is a success.

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# *Nantucket Draws Lots To Entertain Notables*

**NANTUCKET — Nantucketers are drawing lots to see who'll entertain distinguished guests July 2 at their 300th birthday party.**

**Each family who draws the name of a guest will be responsible for meeting the plane or boat, taking the guest to their home and showing the dignitary the historic island. A New England clambake opens the celebration, 300th anniversary of the signing of the deed to the island to 11 men.**

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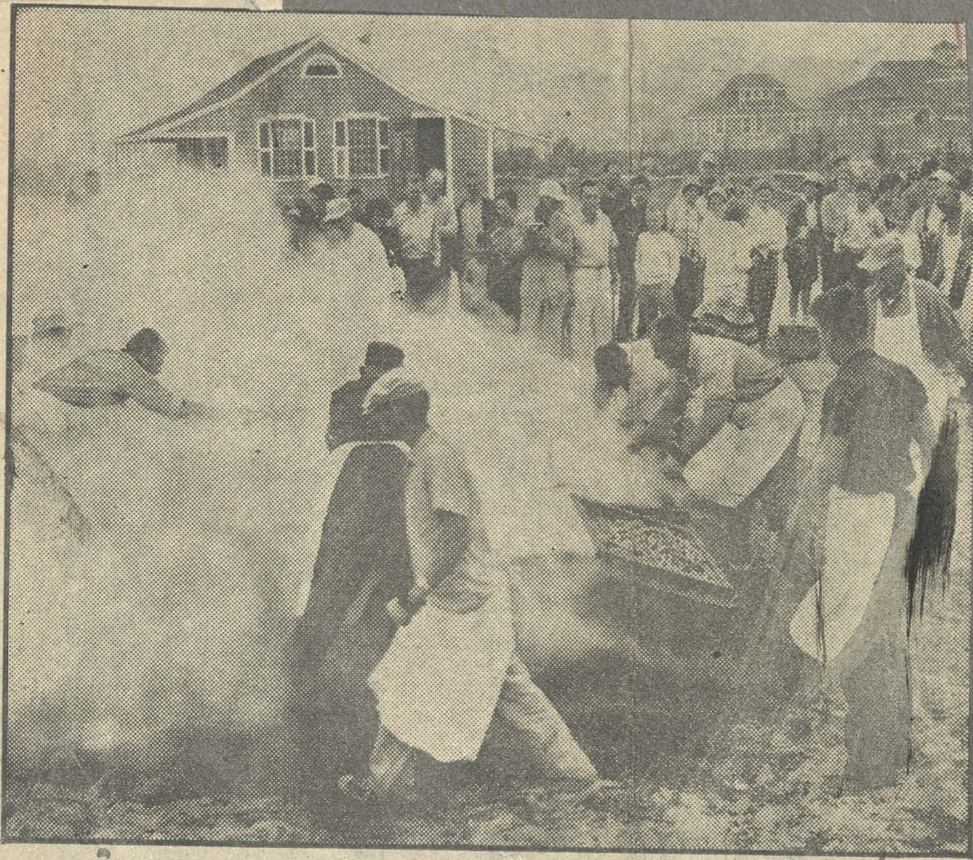

NANTUCKET CLAMBAKE celebrating island's tercentenary was staged despite heavy fog, which delayed island steamers and grounded planes bringing visitors for festivities. Here's the scene as th er bakers remove coverings and prepare to serve the lusci

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### 300th Birthday Party Set

## CLAMBAKE TO MARK NANTUCKET FETE

NANTUCKET—Not a cake but a clambake will mark the 300th birthday party of this old whaling port Thursday.

The tercentenary clambake will be one of the first major events in a summer long celebration of the "little grey lady of the sea" just 30 miles off the Massachusetts coast.

Guests at the clambake will number 800, among them some Massachusetts legislatirs. Some of those will remember recent years when something riled Nantucketers so that at various times they threatened to secede not only from Massachusetts but from the United States.

But a general calm and good fellowship was forecast for the clambake for which the bake committee has spared no pains. By order of the bakemaster they imported extra clams and lobsters from off-island dealers.

They even went so far as to import 12 tons of rocks which will be buried under seaweed to heat the clams and lobsters because the bakemaster said you need fresh rocks so that they will retain the heat.

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## Keith and Martin At Nantucket Tercentenary Fete

NANTUCKET. — (UPI) — This historic island community, recovered today from a mammoth 300th birthday celebration hampered only slightly by bad weather.

The islanders took the adverse elements in stride yesterday but arrival of a host of VIP's was delayed by dense fog which blanketed sea lanes and airways.

A huge seaside clambake for 500 and a series of other events, not the least of which was the birth of another islander, went on as scheduled. Costumes, feasts and the familiar fog toasted the "Little Grey Lady of the Sea."

Ceremonies continued through the evening as cake candles lighted the skies. There were 100 on a giant concoction — each candle representing three years of recorded island history.

Lt.-Gov. Robert F. Murphy was fogged in at Falmouth most of the day but other officials, including 30 State Legislators made it to the island by boat and were greeted by Rep. Robert F. Mooney, first democratic lawmaker ever sent to Boston by the islanders.

The celebration got off to a lively start with the birth at 2:19 A. M. of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kniskern.

Sec. of State Joseph D. Ward, Rep. Joseph Martin of North Attleboro and Rep. Hastings Keith of West Bridgewater were among the visiting dignitaries. Guest of honor for the day was "Mr. Nantucket," Dr. William Gardner, 87, descendant of a first settler and island historian.

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## The Coming Week

### Nation

**Treasury Secretary Anderson** goes to nation's bankers Wednesday to borrow another $2 billion to meet government bills this Summer.

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**Senate Appropriations Committee** to act Tuesday on sub-committee $40.25 billion defense budget $500 million more than President asked.

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**Developments** in steel wage negotiations as wildcat strikers return to work.

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**New Move** to increase size of Army to 900,000 men.

### State

**One Thousand Youths** to be admitted free at Friday matinee of Cambridge drama festival production of "Twelfth Night."

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**Action on extending downtown** parking tow law to Back Bay, and providing parking for Beacon Hill and Back Bay property owners.

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**Pols and others**—800 guests—to Nantucket's 300th birthday clambake on Thursday.

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**Gov. Furcolo** resumes feu with Senate over state finan ing, continues "countdo of days to July 31 and til payless paydays or c conditions."

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## Island Excursion For Legislators

Ninety members of the General Court embarked from Woods Hole on the steam ferry, Nantucket, yesterday for an all-day excursion to the outer island and a clambake, in celebration of Nantucket's tercentenary.

Richard F. Tobin, Falmouth member of the Island Steamship Authority, made arrangements for the outing. Some of the legislators brought wives and children, and the party numbered well over 100. Departure from Woods Hole was delayed two hours by the dense fog that enclosed Vineyard Sound. The vessel left at 11:30 and reached Nantucket at 2:30. The visitors were met at the wharf by Representative Robert F. Mooney and Robert S. Backus, Nantucket member of the Authority, and they proceeded to a large tent in the village, where a clambake was served. Nantucket lasses in pilgrim costume served as waitresses, and there was music from a military band. The legislators left for the mainland on the 5:30 P.M. boat, and reached Woods Hole again, just ten minutes behind schedule.

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## Nantucket Solves Dignitary Problem

NANTUCKET—Officials of this island have come up with a simple plan for entertaining dignitaries who come here July 2 for the 300th birthday party.

Nantucket residents will draw lots to decide who their guests will be.

When a family draws a distinguished guest it is responsible for meeting the plane or boat and entertaining the visitor during his stay.

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## Cong. Keith to Attend Nantucket Fete

Cong. Hastings Keith has disclosed that he is planning to accept an invitation to attend the celebration of the 300th anniversary of Nantucket Island to be held Thursday, July 2.

In a letter to George W. Jones, chairman of the 300th birthday committee, Mr. Keith indicated that there was a possibility that both he and Cong. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., would fly up to join in the day's festivities. It would depend, he said, on whether or not the legislative schedule would permit them to get away.

Identical resolutions commemorating the 300th anniversary of the first settlement of Nantucket Island were introduced in the House of Representatives last week by four Bay State congressmen, Mr. Keith, republican, in whose 9th District Nantucket is situated; John W. McCormack, democrat, 12th District; Mr. Martin, republican, 14th District, and James A. Burke, democrat, 13th District. House Resolution 304, by Mr. McCormack, democratic floor leader, was adopted unanimously.

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# Nantucket Girds for C-Day

*By the Associated Press*

Nantucket, Mass.

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# Independent Nantucket, 300 July 2, Hangs 'Welcome'

By DON GUY

NANTUCKET ISLAND, Mas (AP)—This onetime whaling cap tal of the world plans to reopen diplomatic relations with the United States this summer.

President Eisenhower has been invited to come out and help celebrate the island's 300th birthda uly 2.

The President has replied tha he can't come for that date bu hopes to visit Nantucket later in the season.

The United States is located 30 miles northwest of Nantucket Island.

Nantucket has always been cordial to visitors, especially since the slack in the whale-harpooning business, but this year they ar making a special effort to be hospitable.

However, politically the seas haven't been so serene.

Nantucket folk have always looked askance at mainland foolishness like taxes. They periodically threaten to cast themselves adrift from the rest of the United States.

When the Duke of Windsor gave up his job as King of England there was a movement afoot to offer him a post as royal governor of this 15-mile-long island shaped like a lamb chop.

More recently islanders wanted to resume their colonial status as part of New York. At that time Massachusetts officials were threatening to make them buy fresh water fishing licenses to fish in their ponds.

Now the cold war has ended The islanders—all 3,814 of them—hope you will fly, sail or swim out to visit them this summer. Every visitor will receive a piece of birthday cake and there is a summer-long program of special entertainment.

Nantucket's charm today is a perfect example of an ill wind finally blowing some good.

Over a century ago Nantucket whale ships roamed the oceans of the world and Nantucket whale oil lighted the streets of London and Paris.

The population was twice its present size. Retired whaling captains built stately homes along Main street which had been cobblestoned with ship ballast.

The whaling boom collapsed in a few years, largely because sand bars across the outer harbor built up so that heavily laden ships could not cross. New Bedford took over the whaling supremacy of the world and Nantucket entered an economic depression that lasted half a century.

But in recent years more money is made in a few months from 100,000 summer visitors than ever was harpooned on a four-year whaling voyage.

Islanders say you can't be a native if you weren't born on Nantucket. But they smile when they hear visitors of a few days sighing as they pack up to go home to the hustle-bustle of the mainland.

With tan on their faces and sand in their shoes the visitors, using island jargon, say they are going "off island" and back to "the states."

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## Jarvis to Attend

Mayor Andrew Jarvis will be among about a dozen mayors invited to attend the 300th anniversary of the landing of the first settlers on the island of Nantucket, Mass., on July 2.

The governors of all six New England states and also of New York are expected to be present.

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# Nantucket Rocks on 300th Anniversary Eve

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# Nantucket Island Caught Short For Birthday Party

By **DON GUY**

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# Nantucketers Watch for Sun For Festivities

**By Carolyn F. Hummel**
*Staff Writer of*
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Fog, fog, go away!

Fogbound Nantucket Islanders anxiously waited for the weather to clear up so their 300th anniversary celebration could proceed as scheduled today.

Since the weather is preventing many off-island officials and guests from coming in by plane or boat, the main event of the day—a clambake on Children's Beach, scheduled for noon—has been postponed until late this afternoon.

Local organizations, however, began their celebrating on time.

### Ball Scheduled

A huge wooden birthday cake, donated by the local Rotary Club, will be lighted tonight at 9:15, while young, costumed Nantucketers will pass out real cake to the onlookers. Winding up the big day will be a ball sponsored by the Independent Order of the Redmen.

Republican Representatives Joseph W. Martin Jr., and Hastings Keith of Massachusetts accepted the island's invitation and are expected to fly in when the fog lifts.

The boat from the mainland will bring state representatives and Lt. Gov. Robert F. Murphy to the celebration. The 8th Air Force band from Westover Air Force Base, scheduled to give a concert this afternoon, also will be on the boat.

Several guests who could get away from their offices a day early sailed down from Woods Hole last night on the brigantine Yankee.

The ship, noted for its 18-month cruises around the world, was recently bought by the New England Vendaway Corporation and now calls Nantucket her home port.

### Guests Invited to Help

A tour of the boat ended in the "dining room" where Captain Reed Whitney invited the guests to help his crew of young men and local mariner girl scouts with the work. Among them were a New Hampshire mayor and the main speaker of today's ceremonies. Both eagerly joined in and took up their "watches" on deck.

"Need some help?" Mayor Andrew Jarvis of Portsmouth, N. H., asked one of the regular crew cranking the wench of the gaff rig. And, "having a vacation from too many public duties," he conscientiously took his turn on the wench, at the wheel, and hurried to "man his line" when the skipper called, "Coming about!"

The anniversary is being celebrated throughout the summer with various activities. Daily walking tours, Monday through Thursday, are led by the Girl Scouts. Bearded men and costumed women add a colorful flavor at the special events.

Second climax of the summer will be on August 11 when a Main Street fete will be held.

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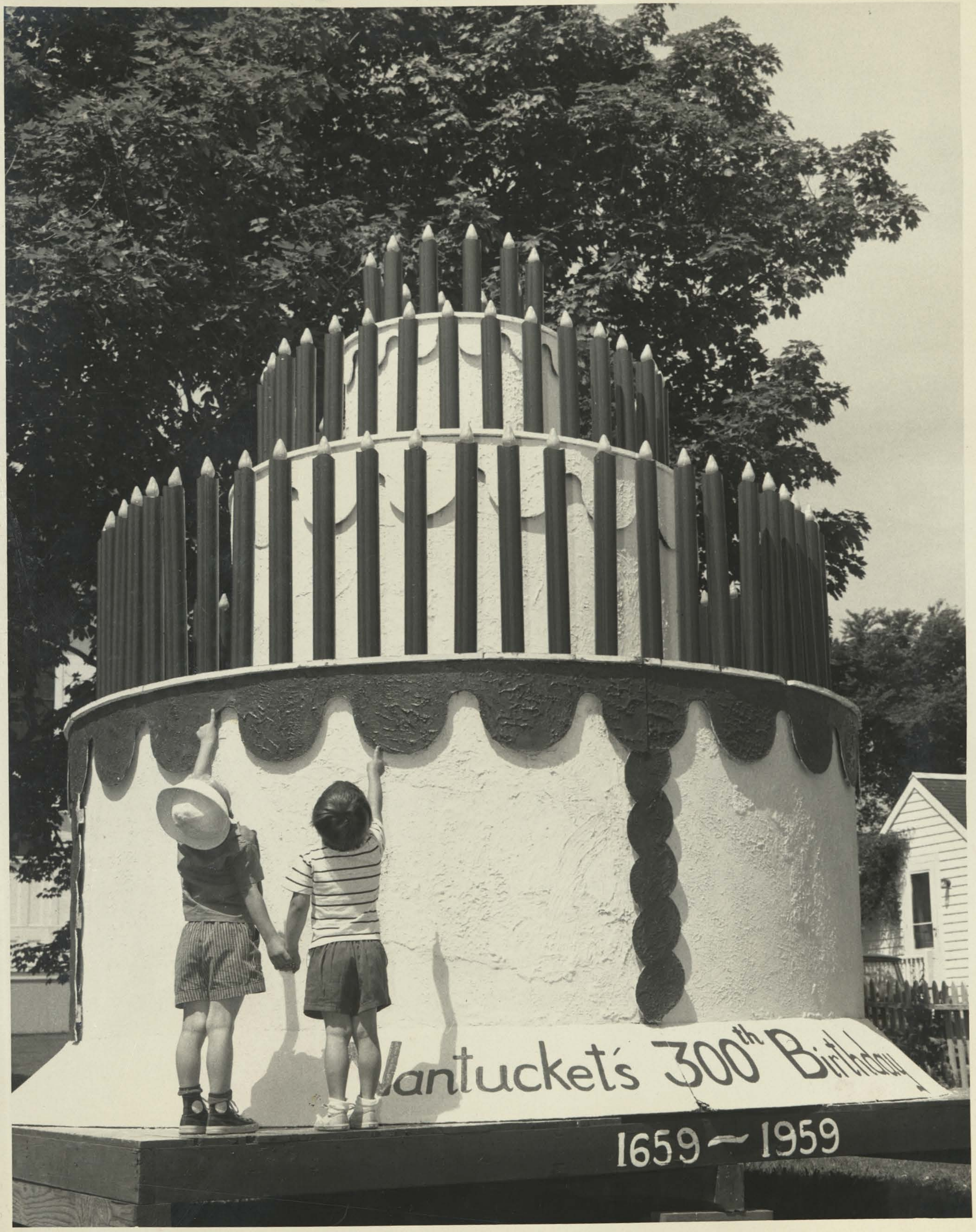
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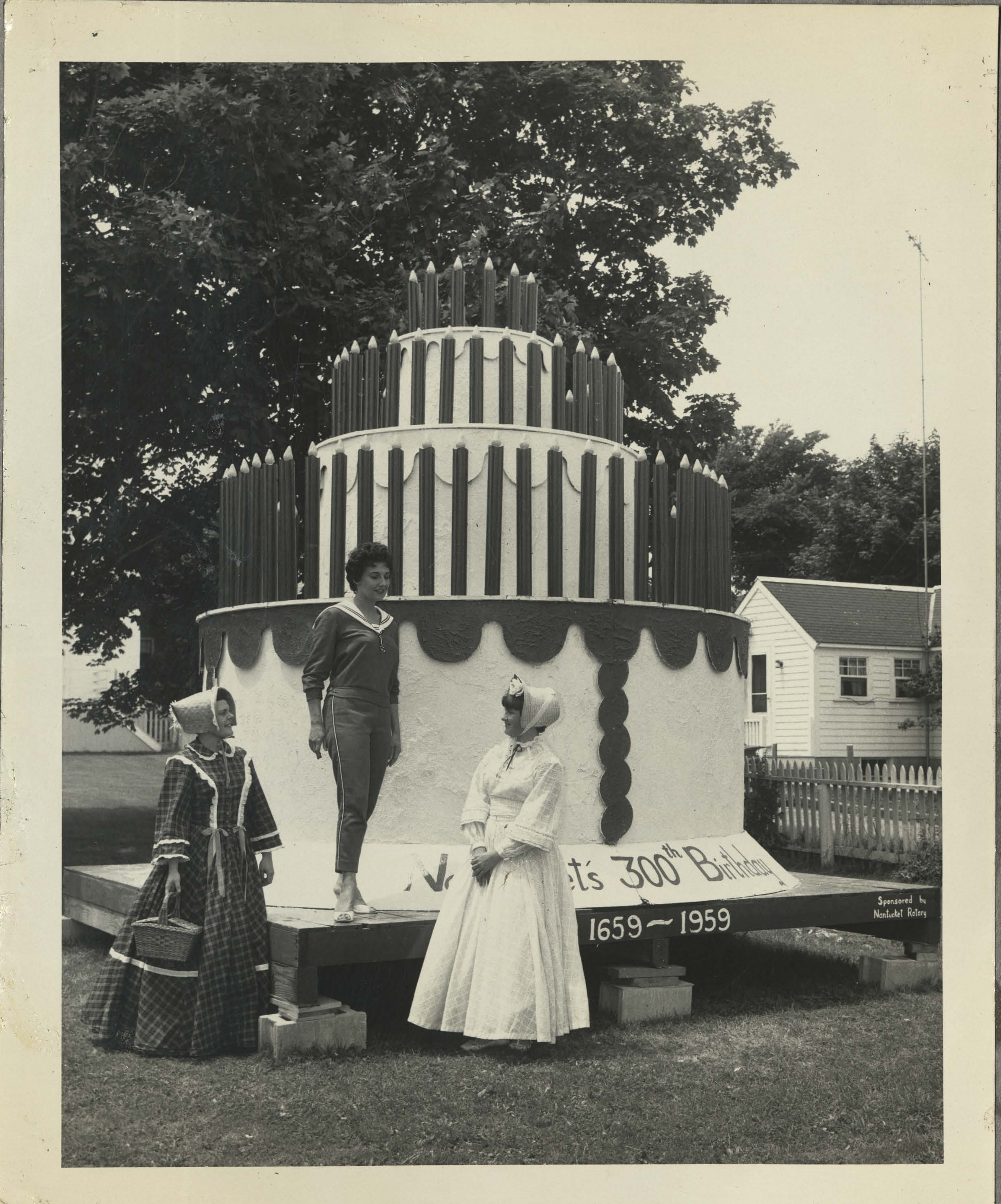
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## Tercentenary 'Cake' Sold To Nantucket

The Jamestown American Legion Post has sold its huge birthday cake, used in the Jamestown tercentennial celebration three years ago, to the Nantucket Rotary Club for the island's 300th anniversary observance this summer.

Meeting last night at the Recreation Center, the post planned a blood donation drive for August, with James West in charge. Volunteers willing to assist with the drive are urged to call him. Reports on the recent state convention were given by Stephen R. Smith and William S. Caswell.

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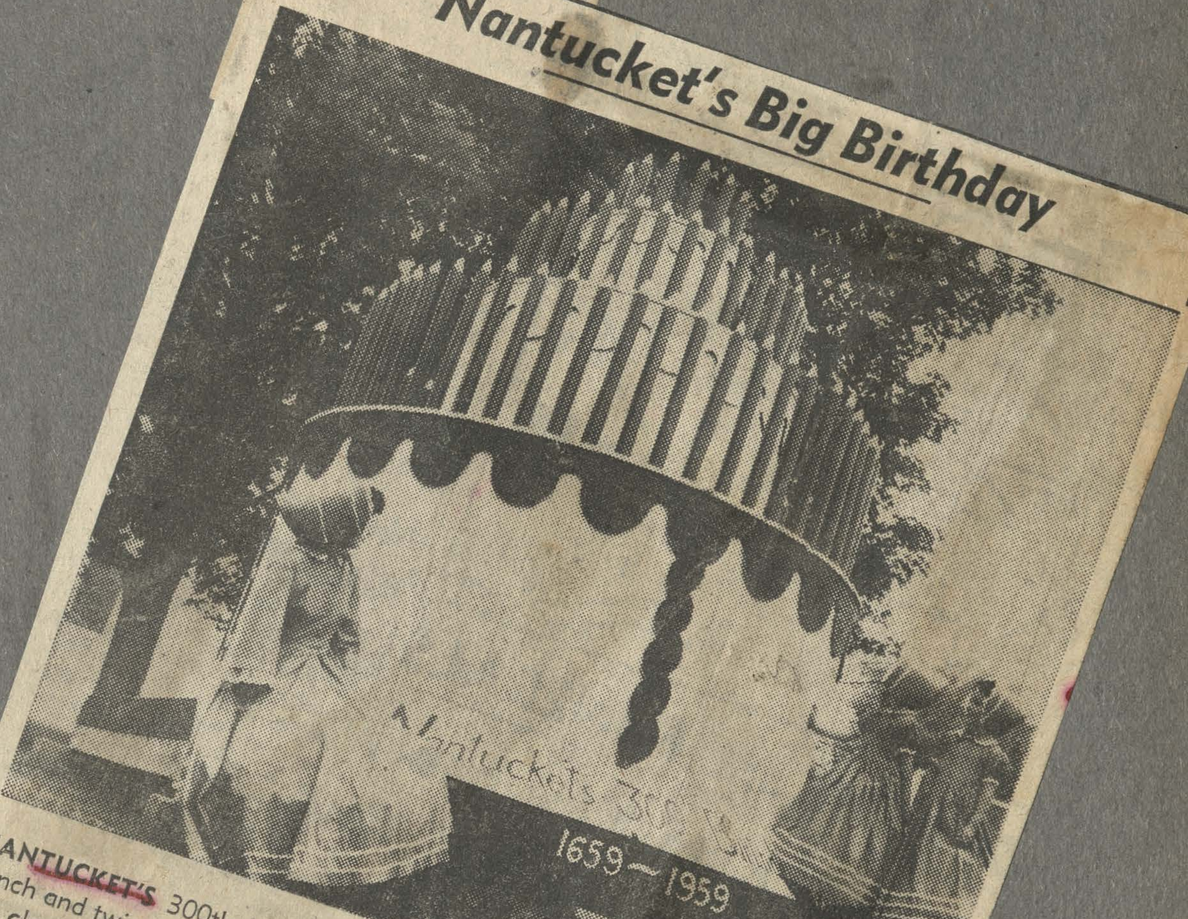

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### Thrifty 300th Anniversary

# Nantucketeers Didn't Put Much Dough in the Cake

By MARY CREMMEN

NANTUCKET, July 2—Top this one, if you can, for Yankee thrift.

Months ago, the islanders on Nantucket, gave up hope of ordering a monumental birthday cake for their 300th anniversary when they learned it would cost $1500.

Then, on May 29, an emergency session of the 300th Birthday Committee was called. The 10 members—made up of representatives of such associations as Parent Teachers, Historical, Firemen, the Chamber of Commerce, Finance Committee and Civic League —met in the double parlor of the Town Hall.

George Jones, the chairman, read a letter from the American Legion Post in Jamestown, R.I.

Jamestown had celebrated its 300th anniversary in 1957. They ordered a cake, made of wood and painted white. After the celebration, it was put in storage.

The letter read: "Would Nantucket like to buy our birthday cake for $300?"

Sidney Killen, sitting in the back row of the double parlor, jumped to his feet: "Offer $100."

The committee approved unanimously.

And Jamestown accepted.

As Annette Stackpole, the only woman member of the committe, put it:

**"They had no choice. How many things can you do with a 300th birthday cake?"**

The cake arrived last Saturday. The Nemasket Company had transported it by truck, free of charge, from Jamestown to Woods Hole and the Nantucket steamship

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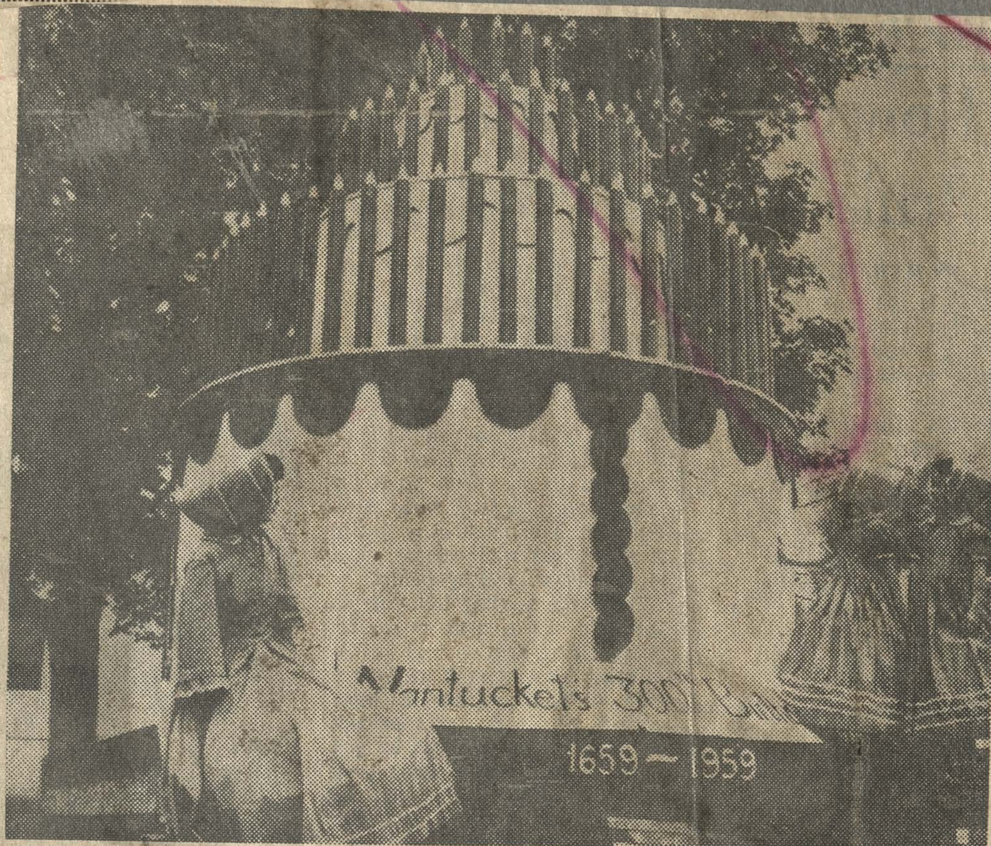

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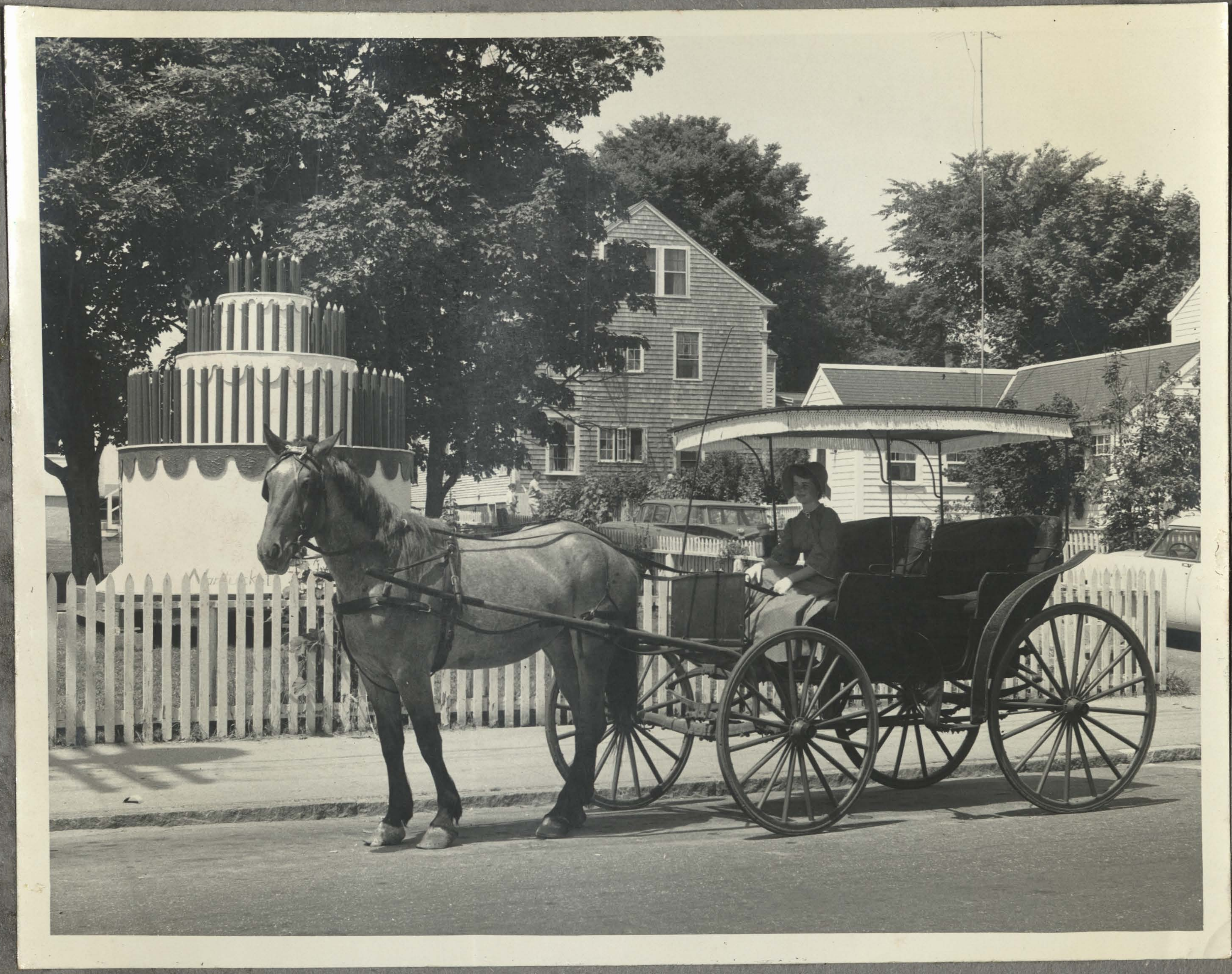

## CELEBRITY CONCERT SERIES

In keeping with the historical and cultural tone of the birthday celebration, the Committee underwrote a series of concerts which brought five famous musical groups to Nantucket. They were JULIO PROL, guitarist, with his group of Flamenco dancers; ODETTA, folk singer; The CLAREMONT QUARTET, chamber music group; LEONARD ROSE, cellist; and GEOFFREY HOLDER, dancer with RAWN SPEARMAN, baritone.

*At The Unitarian Church*

**ODETTA**

FOLK SINGER

Guitar Accompaniment

**July 27** 8:30 P.M.

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*At The Unitarian Church*

**CLAREMONT QUARTET**

**August 3** 8:30 P.M.

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*At The Nantucket High School*

**GEOFFREY HOLDER Dancer**

Drum Accompaniment

**RAWN SPEARMAN Baritone**

**September 7** 8:30 P.M.

# CLAREMONT QUARTET

MARC GOTTLIEB, Violin
VLADIMIR WEISMAN, Violin
WILLIAM SCHOEN, Viola
IRVING KLEIN, Cello

Quartet in B flat major, Opus 76, No.4......................Haydn
Allegro con spirito
Adagio
Menuetto: Allegro
Finale: Allegro ma non troppo

Quartet in G minor, Opus 10 ................................Debussy
Animé et très décidé
Assez vif et bien rhythmé
Andantion doucement expressif
Très modéré - Très mouvementé et avec passion

INTERMISSION

Quartet in C minor, Opus 51, No. 1 .........................Brahms
Allegro
Romanze: Poco adagio
Allegretto molto moderato e comodo
Finale: Allegro

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Cellist

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| I. | |
| Aria, C minor | Bach |
| Sonata, E major<br>Adagio cantabile<br>Tempo di Gavotte<br>Largo cantabile<br>Allegro vivo | Francoeur-Trowell |
| II. | |
| Sonata<br>Prologue<br>Serenade et Finale | Debussy |
| Fantasy Pieces, Op. 73<br>Delicately and with expression<br>Lively and light<br>Fast; with fire | Schumann |
| Intermission | |
| III. | |
| Sonata No. 3 in A major<br>Allegro ma non tanto<br>Scherzo<br>Adagio cantabile -- Allegro vivace | Beethoven |
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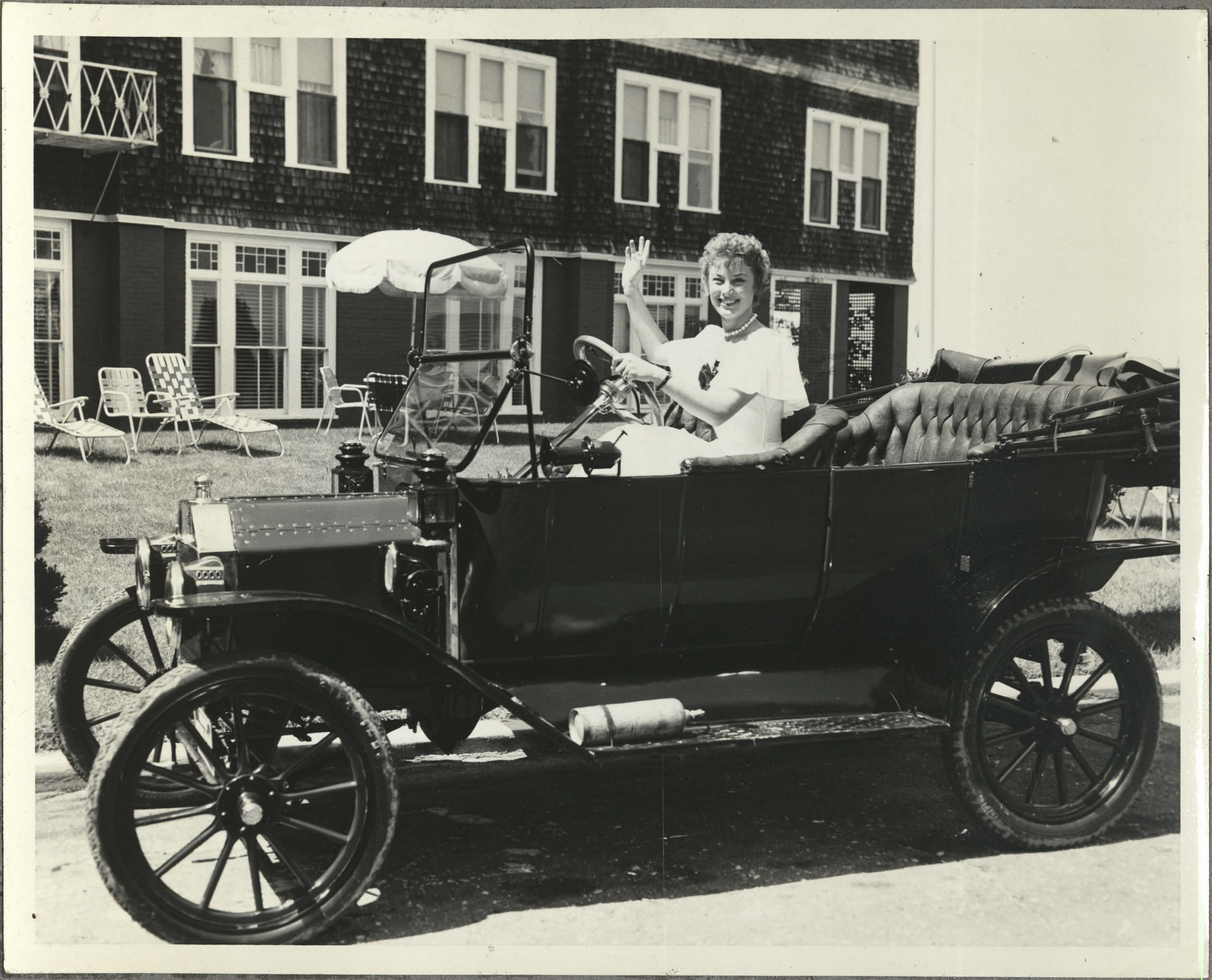
## VETERAN MOTOR CAR CLUB MEET

A colorful event was the meeting of the Veteran Motor Car Club. Thirty-one of the ancient automobiles were brought to Nantucket to parade and exhibit.

Club members joined Nantucketers in costume to make Nantucket look like a page out of the past.



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Nantucket Celebrates

# Many Miss N.E. Charm

By MARJORIE MILLS

At least the antique car enthusiasts who "toodle" along in their old Rolls Royces and Stanley Steamers see the countryside. . . . They're converging on Nantucket this weekend to help celebrate the 300th anniversary. They'll find hundreds of pretty girls wearing lovely old costumes, bonnets and lace mits. Even the men who drive the horse-drawn surreys for sight-seers wear frock coats and tall silk hats this year.

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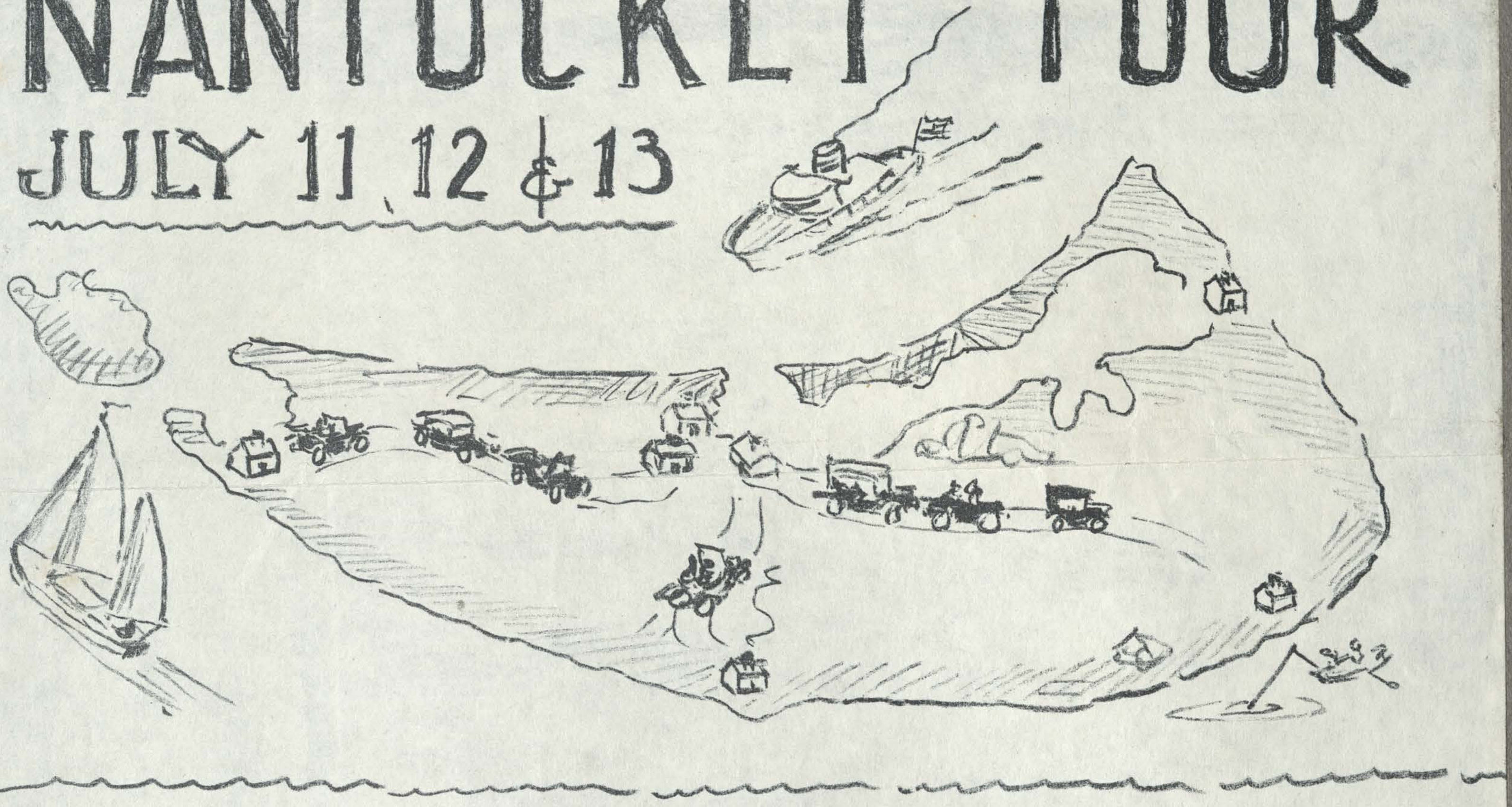
# NANTUCKET TOUR

## JULY 11, 12 & 13



One of the most unusual tours that the New England Region, VMCCA, has had the pleasure to sponsor is a three-day tour to Nantucket which promises to be the highlight of the season.

This year Nantucket is celebrating its 300th Anniversary and is having a well-regulated two-month celebration. Being located 30 miles offshore they can regulate the number of persons who attend their celebration and, in fact, pretty much control who takes part.

We have been invited to participate in this celebration, and a very interesting weekend has been arranged. Special rates for both food and lodging are available, as well as a reduced fare on the ferry. To get to Nantucket the ferry schedule is as follows:

> Leave Woods Hole 9:25 a.m. Arrive Nantucket 12:00 noon, on Saturday July 11.
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> If you cannot make the early boat, you may take the 11:15 a.m. boat from Woods Hole. However, it does make a stop at Oak Bluffs, and will not arrive on Nantucket until 2:30 p.m. (Or later; this run is traditionally late.)
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> For those who must arrive later in the day, a boat leaves at 7:00 p.m. and goes directly to Nantucket, arriving at 9:30 p.m.
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> Activities are being set up around the 9:25 boat.

Arriving at Nantucket, we will be escorted to the Sea Cliff Inn, where lunch will be served. A Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch are scheduled, and additional details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the RAMBLINGS.

For those who find it possible to remain Sunday night, Sunday supper and a special Monday morning breakfast have been arranged. In addition, this extra night's lodging and two meals are being offered at a very low price.

While on the island you will have an opportunity to tour many of the historic locations, both on your own and in a group. Preliminary plans indicate that this is going to be a tour that will be remembered for many years to come.

Returning from Nantucket, there is a 4:00 p.m. boat on Sunday, which arrives at Woods Hole at 7:15 p.m. If you must leave early on Sunday, you may take the 12:30 boat, which arrives at Woodshole at 3:00 p.m. For those leaving Monday there is a 6:30 a.m. boat arriving at Woods Hole at 9:00 a.m., or a 12:30 boat arriving at 3:00 p.m.

Participation in this tour is limited to cars of 1929 or earlier vintage. Reservations cannot be accepted from those coming in cars of non-club years or in modern cars. Because reservations for the Sea Cliff Inn and automobile space on the boat must be made well in advance, it is necessary to have all reservations in not later than May 30. If by chance you wish to remain on the island for a period longer than that covered by the tour, please indicate so on your reservation form, and we will pass your request on to the Sea Cliff Inn. The sooner your reservation is in, the better the chance of receiving the accommodations you wish.

How much is this weekend going to cost? It will amount to about the same as one normally spends on a three-day tour.

> Round-trip fare on the ferry for your car (does not include the driver), $20.00
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> A special round-trip fare for passengers of $4.75 has been arranged: we must, however, have a minimum number of 25 persons. All cars will be loaded on the ferry and driven off by their owners; steamship line personnel will not handle cars.
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> The cost at the Sea Cliff Inn will be $20 per person, which includes four meals and Saturday night lodging. Once again, this represents half the usual rate.
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> For those remaining until Monday, the additional cost will be but $5 per person, and will include Sunday night lodging, Sunday night supper, and Monday breakfast.

This brings the total cost for the weekend to $79.50 per couple for two nights on the island, or $69.50 for one night.

As it is necessary to guarantee our reservations, a substantial deposit is required. This is $20 for the car plus $15 per person. Refunds after June 1 cannot be guaranteed. Please fill out the coupon and mail it as soon as possible. Do not wait until May 30 to do this, as you may be disappointed should the available reservations be filled.

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Mail this form to:

VMCCA, New England Region
15 Newton Street, Brookline 46, Massachusetts

RESERVATION FOR NANTUCKET TOUR

Name ______________________________ Car __________
Address ____________________________ Year __________

Number of round-trip passenger tickets desired: ____________
(Car ticket does not include driver)

Reserve passage on the ferry checked below:

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| To Nantucket: | From Nantucket: |
| 9:25 a.m. ( ) | 12:30 p.m. Sunday ( ) |
| 11:15 a.m. ( ) | 4:00 p.m. Sunday ( ) |
| 7:00 p.m. ( ) | 6:30 a.m. Monday ( ) |
| | 12:30 p.m. Monday ( ) |

Sea Cliff Inn accommodations: Saturday night ( ); Sunday night ( ); single, double, or twin? _______

Deposit enclosed: $_______ ($20 per car plus $15 per person)

# CRANBERRY DAY

Some of the planned events of the birthday celebration were spoiled by poor weather. One of these was Cranberry Day, plans for which are described on the following page.

Although Ocean Spray cranberry people came prepared to have a pleasant open house out on the bog, it was necessary to change the plans and have a small reception for owners of the bog and some town officials indoors.

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# Cranberry Day to Be Tercentenary Note at Nantucket

Nantucket's 300th birthday anniversary events will include Cranberry day, July 15, when the public will be invited to tour the biggest cranberry bog (single piece) in the world.

Free transportation from Nantucket square through the moors to Nantucket Cranberries, Inc. 3000 acre plantation will be provided throughout the day, from 9:30 A. M. to 4 P. M., and visitors will have an opportunity to view first hand the cranberry vines in blossom.

Blossom-time is also spraying time, and among the interesting spectacle planned for Cranberry day is a demonstration of crop dusting by airplane, weather permitting. Surrey rides will take visitors from screenhouse to reservoir and pumphouse where cranberry growers will explain the important use of water for frost protection during the spring and fall when low temperatures threaten the delicate vines.

The screenhouse will display cranberry harvesting equipment, yesterday and today, and cranberry juice will be served for refreshment.

Cranberry Sweetheart Miss Priscilla Howe of Boston, songstress at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, will be hostess of the affair along with a court of attractive Nantucket misses.

It is significant that Cranberry day should be part of Nantucket's birthday celebration since this year marks the beginning of a second Golden Age of Cranberry growing on the vacation island. About 50 years ago, the big bog was started under the direction of Franklin D. Smith, a third generation of cranberry grower, on a tract one-third the size of the entire island. Two hundred and thirty-five acres of vines were planted at that timt and more than 30 miles of ditches dug to channel protective flood waters through the plantation. In banner years, as many as 1,500,000 to 1,600,000 pounds of cranberries were harvested a year and shipped to the mainland for cranberry enjoyment.

In recent years, bearing acreage has dropped to about 90 acres and part of the plantation is over-run with grass. However, Nantucket Cranberries, Inc. has just been purchased by five Nantucket businessmen who are pledging dollars, initiative and hard work to return the largest cranberry plantation in the world to its past glory.

The new owners are Robert D. Congdon, Albert L. Silva, Albert F. Egan, Jr., Richard Corkish and Kenneth G. Coffin, Jr. Work has already begun, and in the fall the freshly harvested fruit will be sent by steamship to Hanson to add special Nantucket flavor to cranberry sauce and cranberry juice cocktail for national enjoyment.

Cranberry day will be sponsored by Ocean Spray, the National Cranberry Growers' Cooperative, and the new management of Nantucket Cranberri Inc.

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**CRANBERRY SWEETHEART** — Boston singer Priscilla Howe, who will be a hostess at Ocean Spray's Cranberry Day on Nantucket on July 15, when public will be invited to tour world's largest cranberry plantation at blossom-time.

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# Business Notes . . .

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# What'll You Have?

NANTUCKET, July 15—Rained-out Cranberry Day celebrators, getting wet indoors at a Sea Cliff Inn "consolation" party tonight, stumbled on an exciting new use for the noble berry.

Cocktails mixed with cranberry juice allowed for much-freer imbibing—with little or no outward effect—than those prepared with that product of the sunshine clime, the orange.

Forty couples took part in a scientific-type experiment, half of them taking their cheer with cranberry juice, the others with orange juice.

After two hours the results were evident.

The cranberry drinkers were relatively unaffected, and high in praise of the ruby liquid as a mixer.

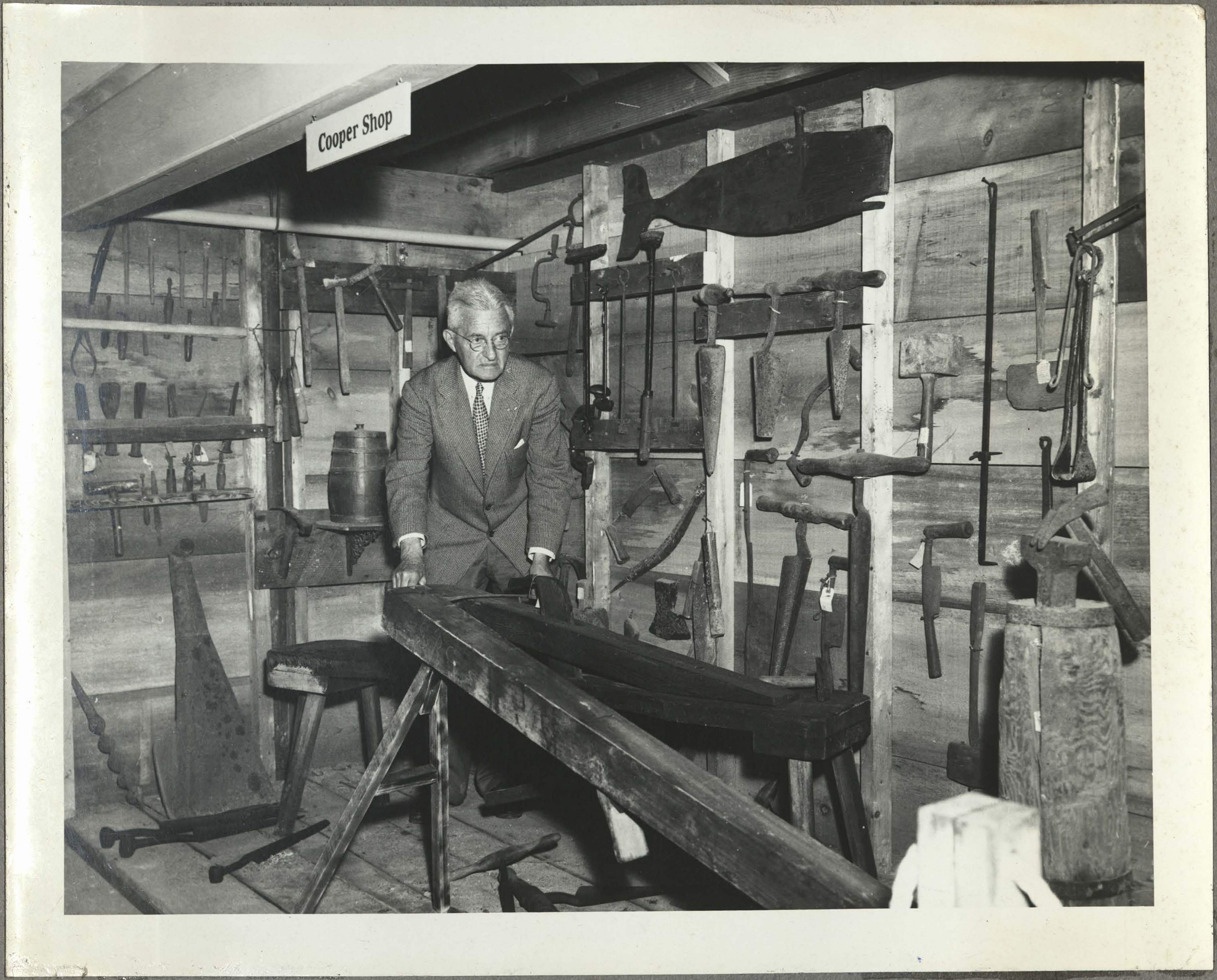
Many of the orange-juiced guests were high, too.

One guest, who questioned the scientific motivation behind the experiment, was told that the recent weather was enough to drive anyone to drink.

# WHALING SEMINARS

The Nantucket Historical Association sponsored additions to the Whaling Museum in honor of the 300th birthday and held a series of Whaling Seminars which are described on the following pages.

The Seminars were well attended and gave visitors the opportunity to delve into the history of Nantucket's old-time industry.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# WHALING SEMINARS

## Nantucket Historical Association

**Extends a Cordial Invitation to**

### Members and the Public

**to attend a series of**

### Six Lectures

to be given this summer at the

Unitarian Church

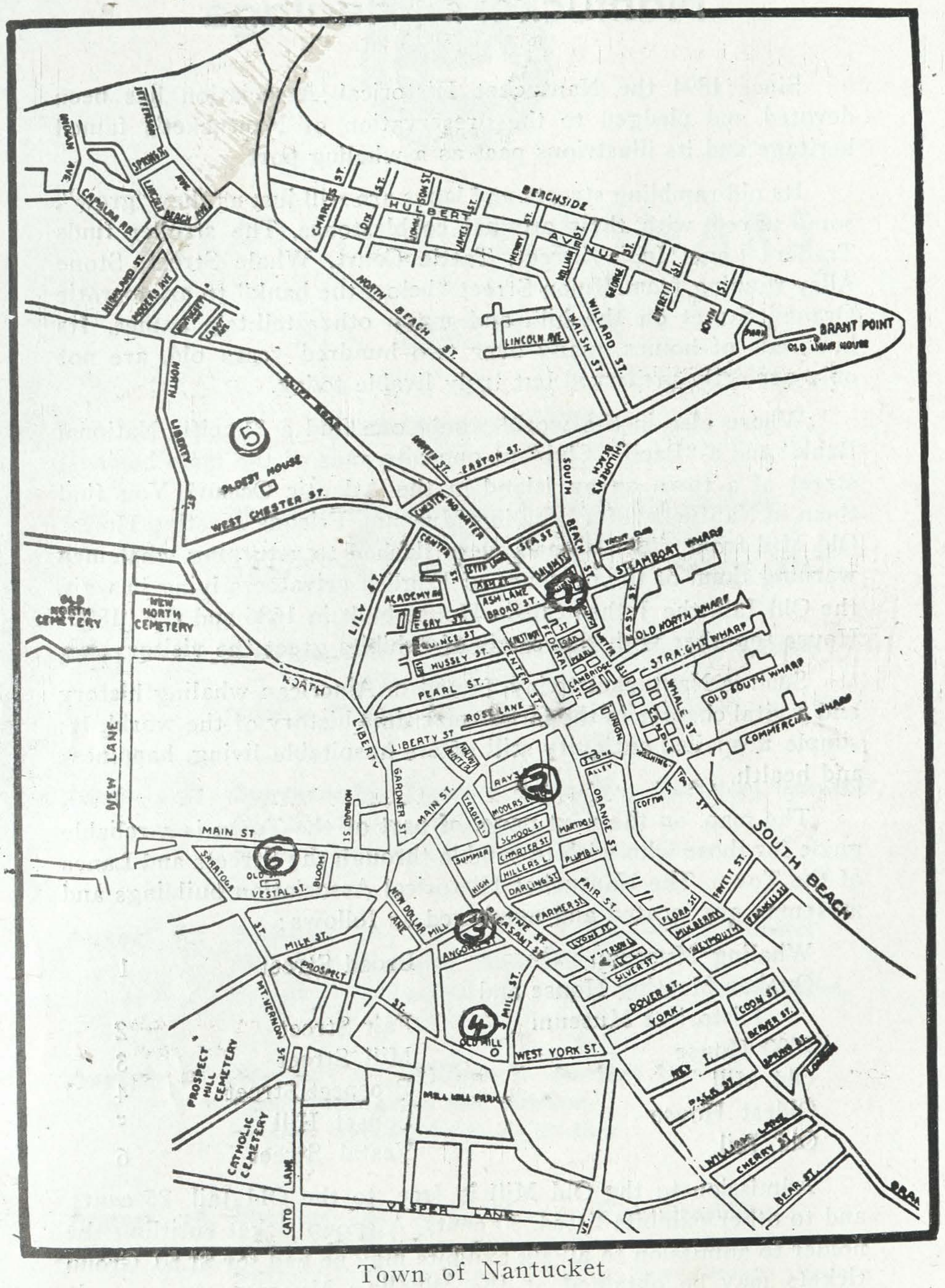
Orange Street

A list of the speakers, the subjects on which they will talk and the scheduled date for each is given on the next page. A member of the Council will preside at each meeting as chairman and act as host to welcome visitors.

**Lecture Time — 8:30 P.M.**

**ADMISSION; 50c PER PERSON**

**FOR EACH LECTURE**



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Town of Nantucket

# GOLF EXHIBITION

Four famous professional golfers were brought to Nantucket to give exhibitions and hold a "golf clinic".

They were George Bayard, Doug Ford, Julius Boros and Art Wall.

Proceeds collected from this event were given to the Nantucket Boys Club.

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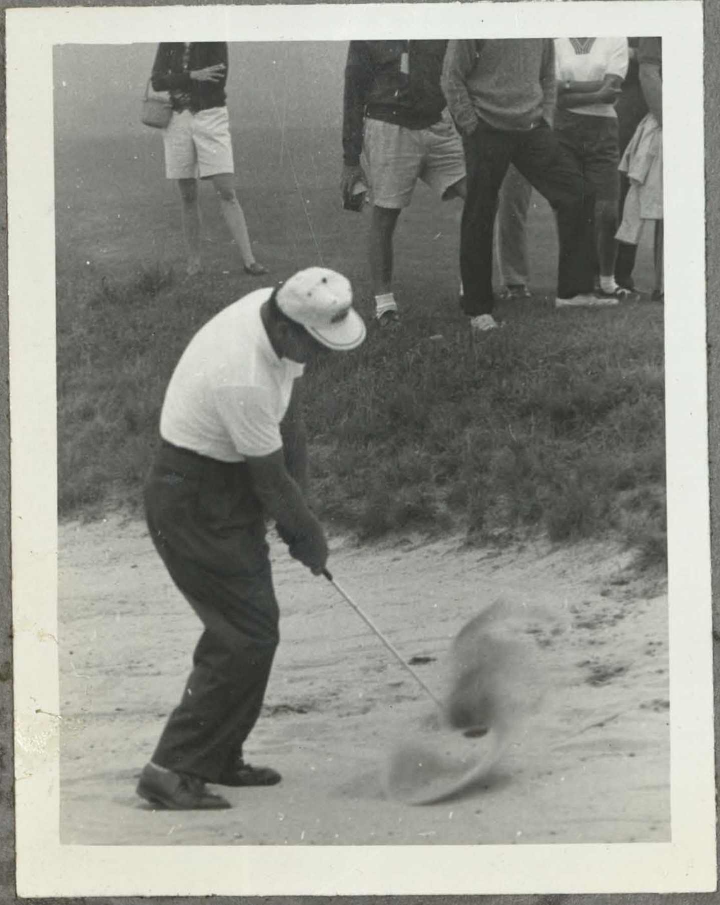
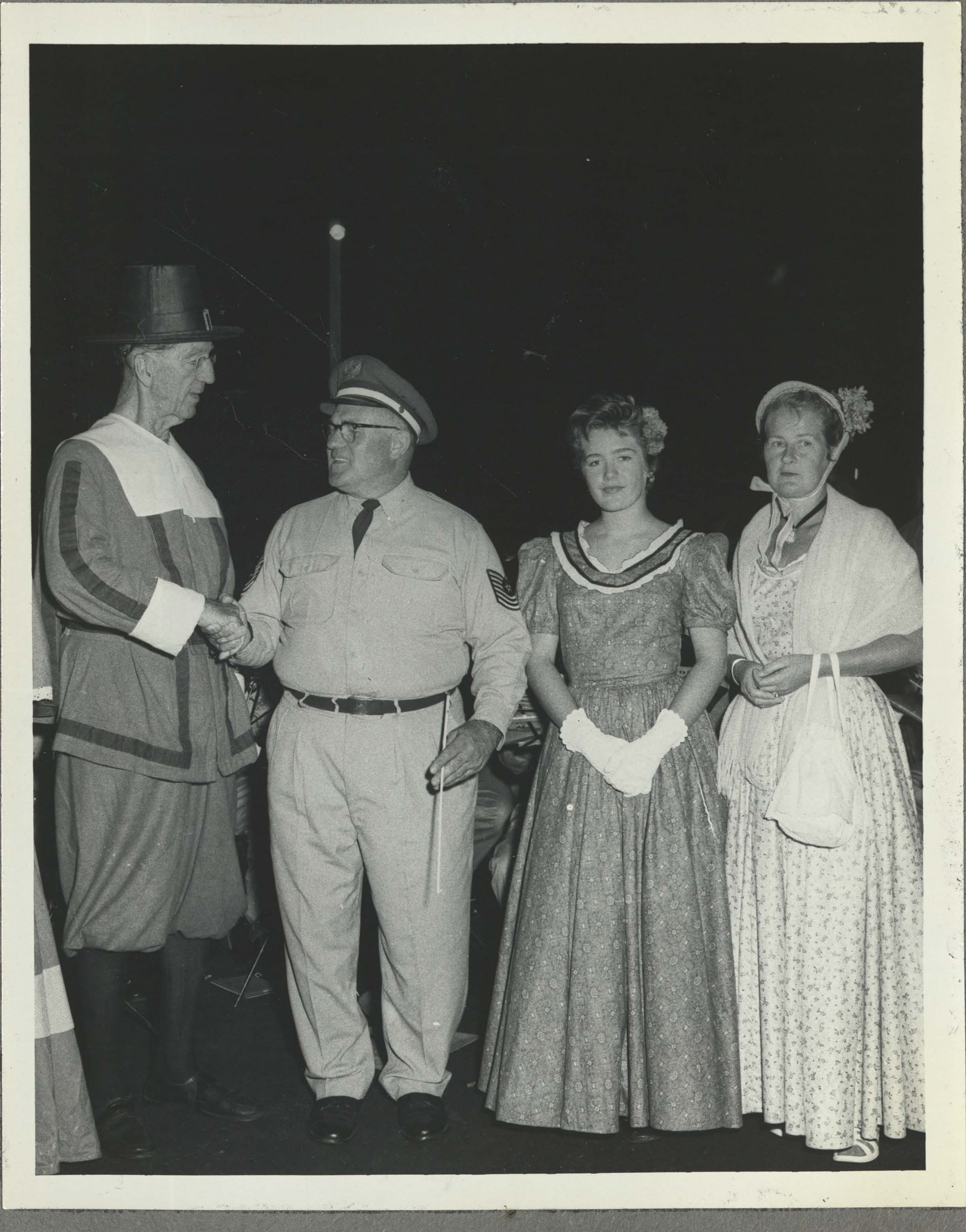


## OUTDOOR BAND CONCERTS

Nantucket residents and visitors were treated to several excellent outdoor band concerts during the season.

The 567th Air Force Band played on July 22, and the band of the First Naval District entertained several times over the weekend of August 7th.



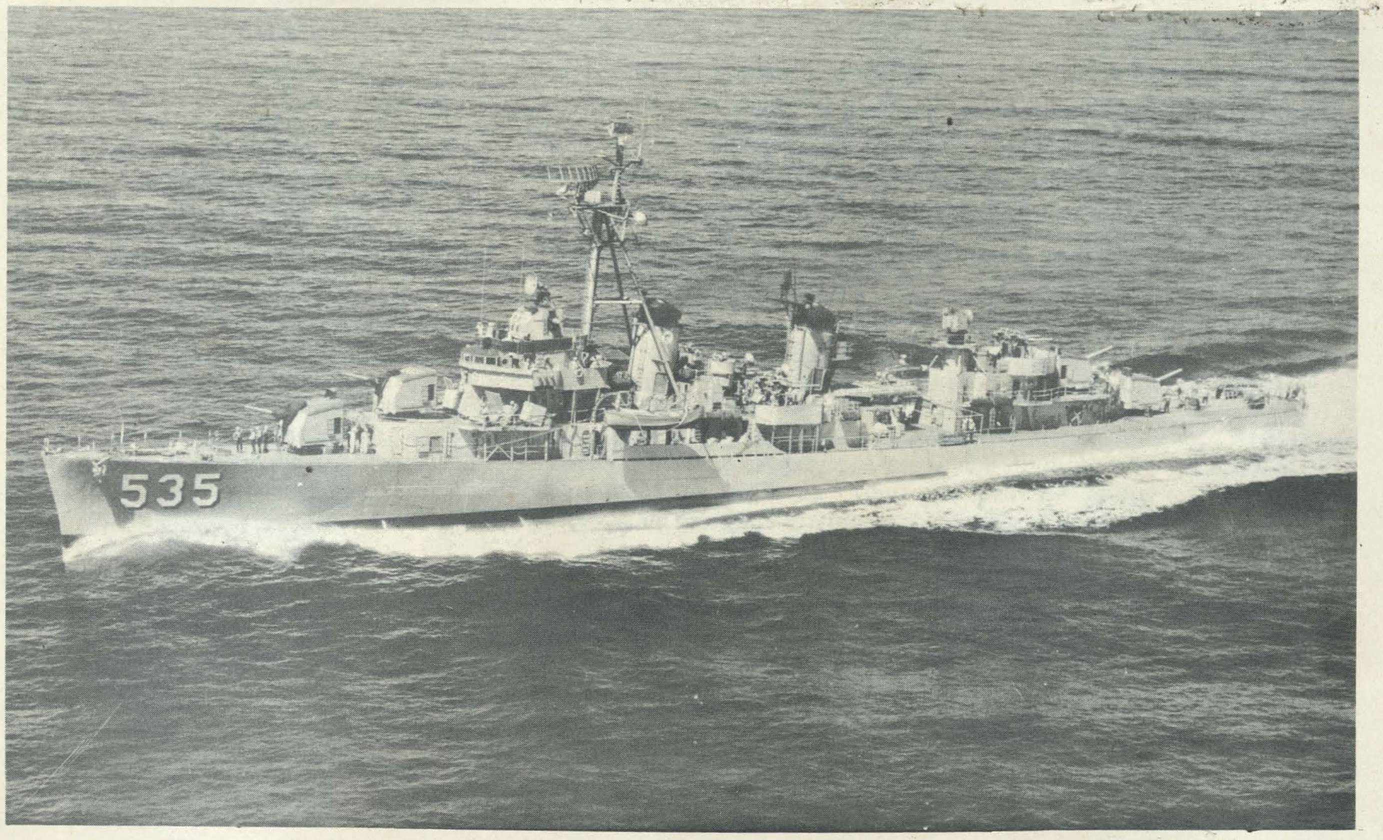
Howard Barber

Solo Trumpet

On August 7th the U.S.S. Miller brought to Nantucket Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Commandant of the First Naval District. The Miller dropped anchor three miles outside Nantucket Harbor.

Over the weekend she was boarded by approximately 1,500 Nantucket residents and visitors.

Admiral Espe presented a plaque honoring William Mooers, captain of the "Bedford", a Nantucket ship, and the first American vessel to fly our flag in a British port.



U.S.S. MILLER (DD-535)

# BIOGRAPHY
# COMMANDER JOHN P. MITCHELL,
# U. S. NAVY

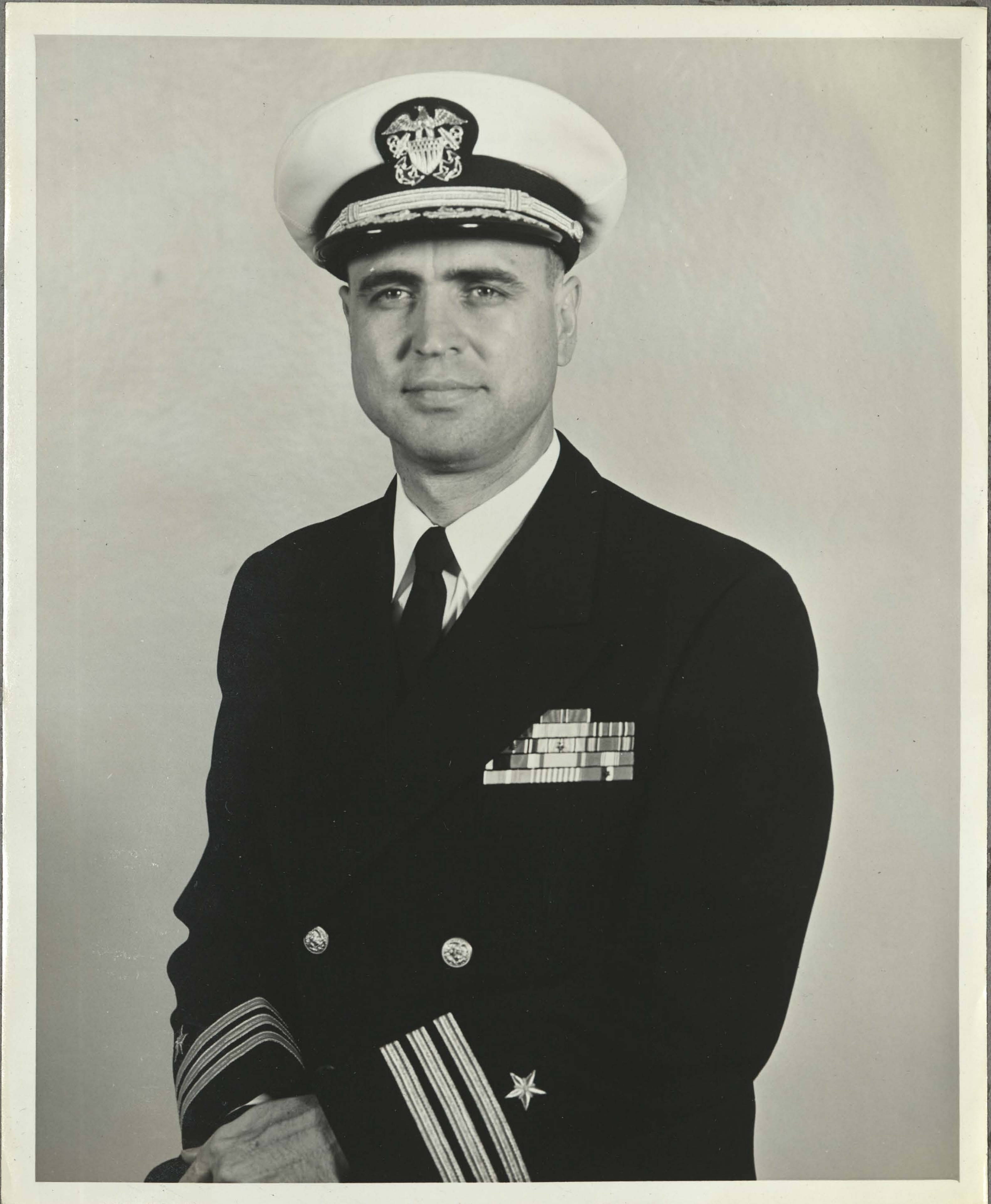
Commander Mitchell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in the class of 1942 twelve days after Pearl Harbor. During World War II, he served aboard the first aircraft carrier WASP and the destroyer MOALE. He participated in operations in the Mediterranean, the attack and support of Guadalcanal, the battle for Leyte, the Mindoro and Linegayen Gulf landings, the battle for Iwo Jima and the first carrier strikes on Tokyo.

After the war he placed the aircraft carrier VALLEY FORGE in commission and served on her until 1948. While he was aboard, the VALLEY FORGE he made a six month round the world cruise. From 1948 to 1950 he was on the staff of the Commandant Sixth Naval District.

After graduating from Naval War College in 1951, Commander Mitchell went to Japan where he served in the Plans Division of the staff of the Commander Naval Forces, Far East during the Korean Conflict.

Commander and Mrs. Mitchell are no strangers to Boston for they moved here in 1955 when he became operations officer of the cruiser Salem. During part of his 2½ year tour aboard the SALEM she was flagship of Commander Sixth Fleet. Commander Mitchell comes to the Miller following a two year tour of duty in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. He is the holder of the following decorations and ribbons: Bronze Star and Purple Heart; American Defense, American Theatre with five combat stars, WWII Victory, Occupation, China Service, National Defense, Korean Service, Phillipine Liberation with one star, and the United Nations ribbon.

Commander and Mrs. Mitchell reside at 245 River Way, Boston, Mass.



# REAR ADMIRAL CARL F. ESPE, UNITED STATES NAVY

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Carl Frederick Espe graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1922. He subsequently had service afloat until the summer of 1929 in the battleships PENNSYLVANIA and MISSISSIPPI and the destroyers MERVINE and CHASE. After duty as an Instructor in Seamanship and Mathematics at the Naval Academy, he joined the cruiser DETROIT in June 1931 and two years later was assigned his first command, the minesweeper BOBOLINK.

Returning to the Naval Academy in 1934, he had a year's assignment in the Executive Department, followed by three months' service as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander Cruiser Division SIX, and further staff duty as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Aircraft, Base Force. After duty as Executive Officer of the newly commissioned destroyer PERKINS, he had instruction at the Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C., and in 1939 was assigned to the Washington Navy Yard. He put the destroyer O'BRIEN in commission the next year and commanded her until December 13, 1941, shortly after the United States entered World War II.

His war service included duty as Navigator of the USS RANGER; as Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, and as Commander Destroyer Squadron FORTY-SIX and Destroyer Division NINETY-ONE. For outstanding service in the Southwest Pacific Area, including the Philippine Islands he was awarded the Silver Star Medal; the Legion of Merit and Gold Star in lieu of a second similar award with Combat "V"; and the Bronze Star Medal also with "V". For exceptionally meritorious service in the Planning Department of the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, January-December 1945, he received a Gold Star in lieu of the Third Legion of Merit.

Following the cessation of hostilities his duties ashore included service in the Naval Intelligence organization as Head of the Operational Intelligence Branch; Assistant Director of the Naval Intelligence Division and Director of that Division and as a student at the Naval War College. These assignments were interspersed with duty afloat in command of Destroyer Flotilla ONE, Amphibious Groups THREE and ONE (the latter operating in the Korean area of hostilities), and Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet. In January 1958 he was designated Commandant of the First Naval District with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

## PERSONAL DATA:

Born: 15 April 1900, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Parents: Charles and Susan Espe, both now deceased
Wife's Maiden Name and Date of Marriage: Hilda Saunders Crowley of of Baltimore, Maryland, 17 June 1947
Children: None
Official Home Address: c/o Mrs. Hugh L. Porter, 8518 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Education: Allegheny High School, Allegheny County, Pa.; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, (BS, 1922); Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C. (1938-1939); Naval War College, Newport, R.I. (advanced course, 1949)

## PROMOTIONS:

Appointed Midshipman, 11 July 1918
Commissioned Ensign, USN, 3 June 1922
Lieutenant (junior grade), USN, 3 June 1925
Lieutenant, USN, 3 July 1928
Lieutenant Commander, USN, 1 August 1937
Commander, USN, 2 January 1942
Captain, USN, 7 August 1947
Rear Admiral, USN, 1 April 1949
Vice Admiral, USN, (T) from 13 April 1956 to 11 April 1958

## MEDALS AND AWARDS:

Silver Star Medal
Legion of Merit with Combat "V#
Gold Star in lieu of Second Legion of Merit with Combat "V"
Gold Star in lieu of Third Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"
Victory Medal (World War I)
American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp
American Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal
Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp
National Defense Service Medal
Korean Service Medal
United Nations Service Medal
Philippine Liberation Ribbon

## CITATIONS:

Silver Star Medal: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Comma Commander Destroyer Sound Screen of a Carrier Task Group in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Makin, Tarawa and Apamama in the Gilbert Islands, from November 10 to 27, 1943. Through his exceptional directive ability and his comprehensive understanding of each tactical situation, Captain Espe effectively deployed ships of the Sound Screen to provide protection for the Task Group operating in enemy submarine-infested waters. By his personal valor, inspiring leadership and daring initiative, Captain Espe contributed materially to the success of our assault forces in that vital theater of war..."

Legion of Merit: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct...as Commander of a Destroyer Squadron during action against enemy Japanese forces on Truk, February 16 and 17, 1944, and during raids on the Saipan-Tinian area on February 21 and 22 1944. With the units of his squadron subjected to continuous day and night torpedo and bombing attacks, Captain Espe directed the ships under his command in assisting in the destruction of two hostile planes and, maintaining a protective position for the carriers, enabled the Task Group to proceed to the initial launching point and carry out a damaging air attack against enemy shipping, aircraft and shore installations on these strategically important islands..."

Gold Star in lieu of a Second Legion of Merit: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct...as Commanding Officer of Destroyer Squadron FORTY-SIX and as Screen Commander of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area, from August 24 to October 30, 1944. Skillfully maneuvering the screen throughout the attacks on Palau, Formosa and the Philippine Islands, Captain Espe contributed greatly to the protection of the Task Group while operating in enemy waters under heavy aerial attack and constant submarine threat and, by prompt decisive action, rendered effective service many times in the rescue of pilots..."

Gold Star in lieu of the Third Legion of Merit: "For...outstanding service...as a member of a planning board in the Plans Division of the Staff of the Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean areas, in connection with operations against enemy Japanese forces from January 13 to September 1, 1945. Utilizing his thorough knowledge of Naval and Military operations, Captain Espe assisted in preparing plans for the capture and occupation of the Japanese Empire and adjacent locations for the opening and maintenance of a sea route for Allied vessels and for operations subsequent to the surrender of the Japanese. By his professional ability and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of our Armed Forces in the Pacific War Area..."

Bronze Star Medal: "For meritorious achievement as Commander Destroyer Squadron FORTY-SIX, attached to Task Group FIFTY-EIGHT POINT ONE, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Western Pacific Area, from June 6 to August 8, 1944. After the Japanese carrier air power was destroyed and the Japanese Fleet heavily damaged and driven to home waters, Captain Espe led his ships in rescuing personnel from a large number of carrier planes which had been forced to land in the water. Later he participated in the bombardments of Iwo Jima, Guam and Chichi Jima, destroying hostile installations and on the night of August 4, assisted in intercepting the remnants of a Japanese convoy by demolishing on AK and a DD..."

CHRONOLOGICAL TRANSCRIPT OF NAVAL SERVICE:

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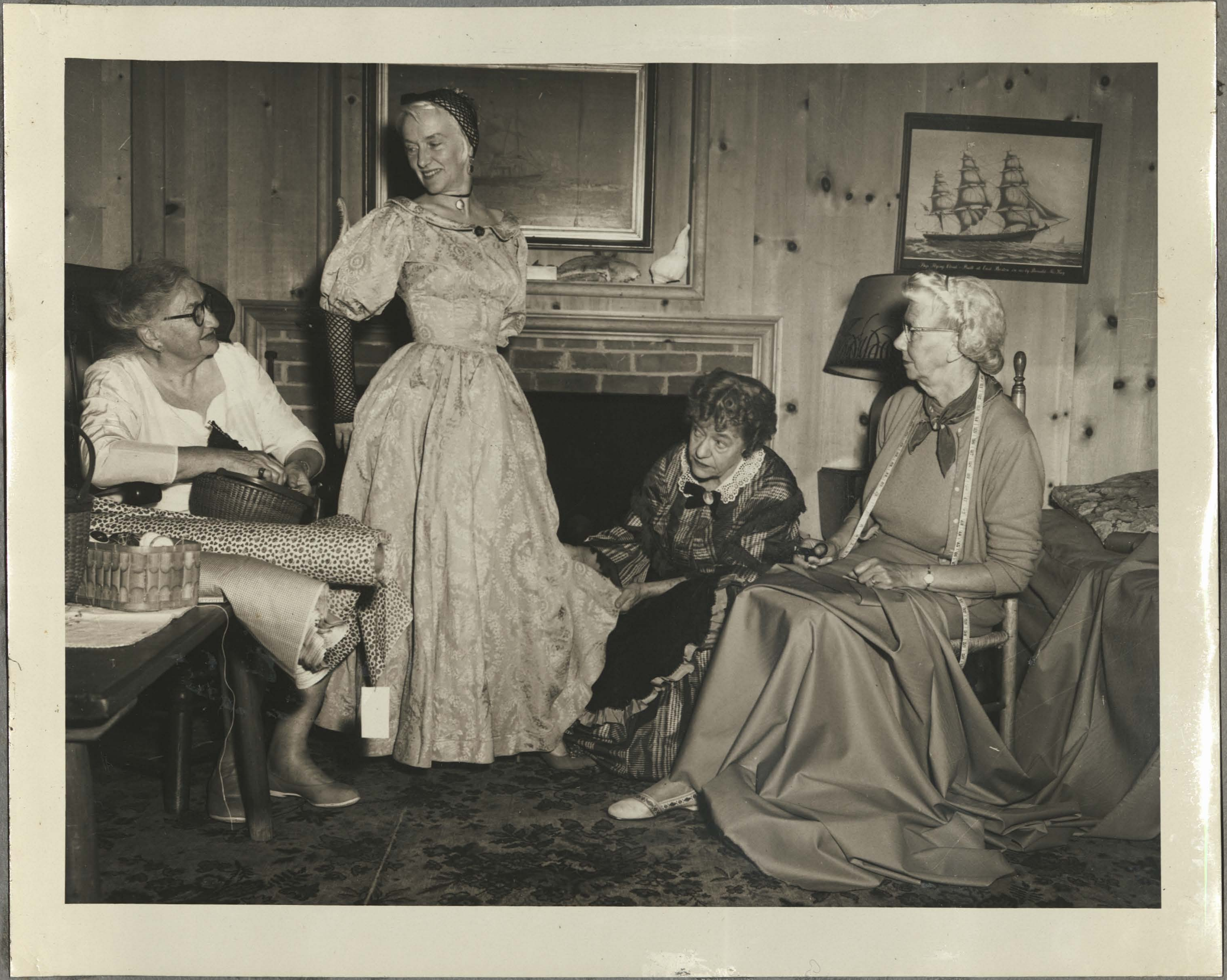
| Jul 1922 - Aug 1922 | USS ARGONNE |
| Sep 1922 - Sep 1922 | Receiving Ship, San Francisco, California |
| Sep 1922 - Jul 1924 | USS PENNSYLVANIA |
| Jul 1924 - Aug 1924 | USS MERVINE |
| Aug 1924 - Apr 1927 | USS CHASE |
| Apr 1927 - May 1929 | USS MISSISSIPPI |
| May 1929 - May 1931 | Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland (instructor) |
| May 1931 - Jun 1933 | USS DETROIT |
| Jun 1933 - Jun 1934 | USS BOBOLINK (CO) |
| Jun 1934 - Mar 1935 | Naval Academy, Annapolis (Executive Department) |
| Mar 1935 - Jun 1935 | Staff, Commander Cruiser Division 6 (Aide and Flag Lieutenant) |
| Jun 1935 - Jun 1936 | Staff, Commander Aircraft, Base Force (Aide and Flag Secretary) |
| Jun 1936 - Sep 1936 | Puget Sound (Washington) Navy Yard for fitting out duty in the USS PERKINS) |
| Sep 1936 - Jul 1938 | USS PERKINS (Executive Officer) |
| Jul 1938 - Sep 1938 | Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C. |
| Sep 1938 - Jun 1939 | Army Industrial College, Washington, D.C. (instruction) |
| Jun 1939 - Dec 1939 | Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. |
| Dec 1939 - Mar 1940 | Boston (Massachusetts) Navy Yard for fitting out the USS O'BRIEN |
| Mar 1940 - Dec 1941 | USS O'BRIEN (CO) |
| Dec 1941 - Apr 1942 | USS RANGER (Navigator) |
| Apr 1942 - Jun 1943 | Aide, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department |
| Jun 1943 - Dec 1944 | Commander Destroyer Squadron 46, additional duty as Commander Destroyer Division 91 |
| Dec 1944 - Dec 1945 | Staff, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet |
| Dec 1945 - Jul 1948 | Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department (Head, Operational Intelligence Branch) |
| Jul 1948 - Jan 1949 | Commander Destroyer Flotilla ONE |
| Jan 1949 - Jun 1949 | Naval War College, Newport, R.I. (instruction) |
| Jun 1949 - Aug 1951 | Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department (Deputy Director of Naval Intelligence--title changed to Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence) |
| Aug 1951 - Oct 1951 | Commander Amphibious Group 3 |
| Oct 1951 - Oct 1952 | Commander Amphibious Group 1 |
| Oct 1952 - May 1956 | Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department (Director of Naval Intelligence--Title changed to Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Intelligence and Director of Naval Intelligence) |
| Jul 1956 - | Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific |
| Jan 1958 (orders) | Commandant, First Naval District with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts |

## THE MAIN STREET FETE

On August 11th the famous Main Street Fete was recreated, after a year of hard work by a committee of many Nantucketers.

News cameramen from New England and New York recorded the old-fashioned scenes for television.



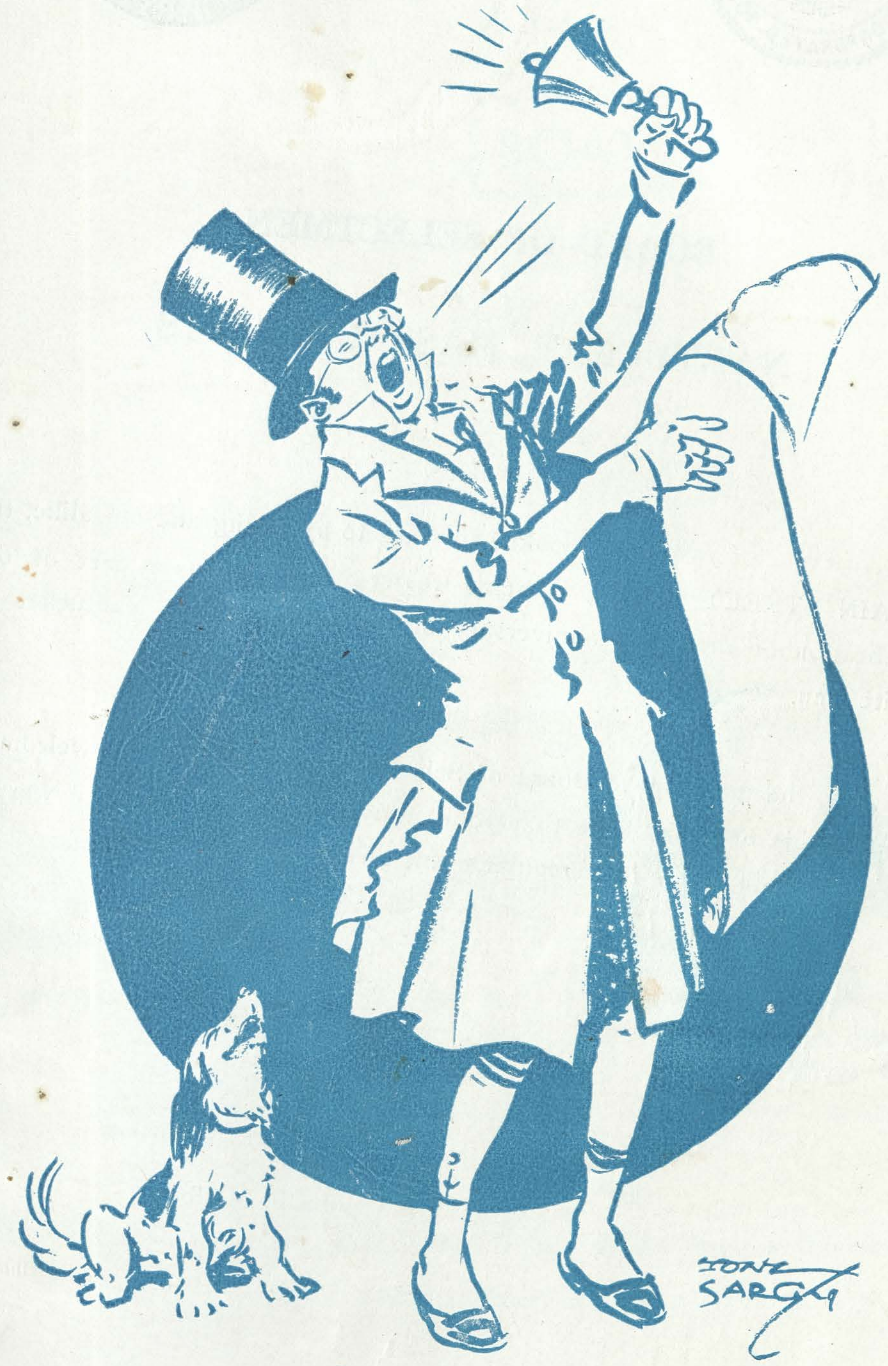
Katherine Folger
Margaret Fawcett Barnes

Julia Jelleme
Harriet Backus

HEAR! HEAR! THAR SHE BLOWS!

# THE MAIN STREET FETE

Tuesday, August 11, 1959



Celebrating

## NANTUCKET'S 300th BIRTHDAY

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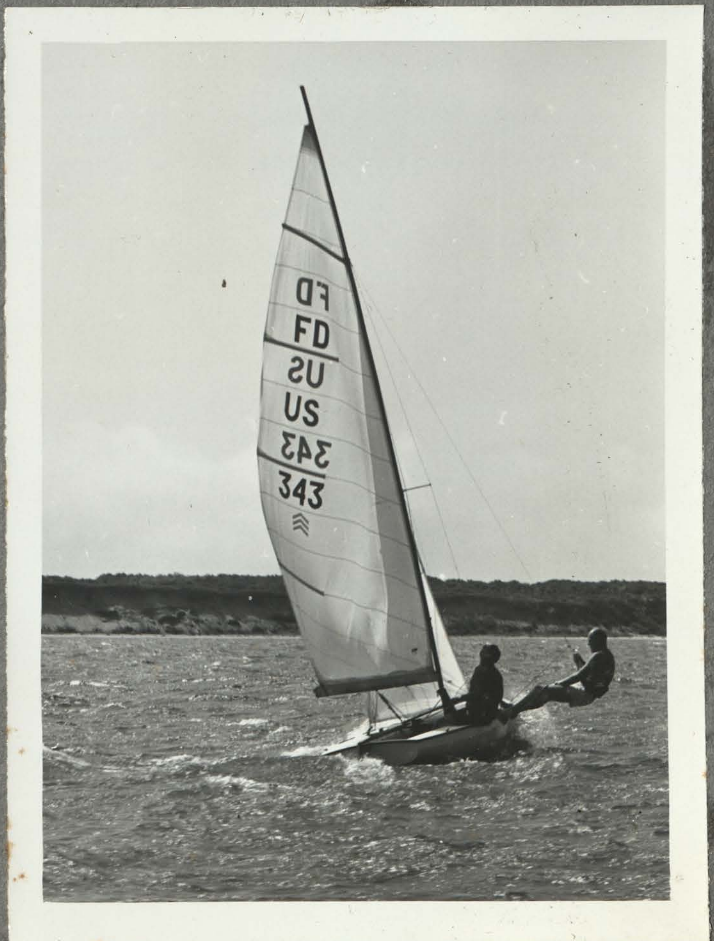
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On September 12th the 300th Birthday Commemorative Parade was held. Off island groups participated in the marching as well as Nantucketers.

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences held a series of meetings on Nantucket which are described on the following pages.

Primary purpose of the meeting of the Academy was to honor the memory of Maria Mitchell, who was the first woman ever to be designated a Fellow of the Academy.

# BULLETIN
# *The American Academy of Arts and Sciences*

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## Calendar of Events

Mar. 8 4.00 P.M. Music by Julian Bream
Mar. 11 4:00 P.M. Meeting of the Council
8.15 P.M. 1413th Stated Meeting
Mar. 27 4.00 P.M. Reception: Ambassador Eban

Details are given below.

## The 1413th Stated Meeting

A meeting of the Academy will be held at its House in Brookline, on the evening of Wednesday, 11 March, at eight-fifteen. The Rumford Premium for 1959 will be presented to George Wald, Professor of Biology at Harvard, for the perceptive studies through which he has illuminated the biochemical basis of vision.

The Communication will be the Rumford Medal Lecture, presented by Mr. Wald, on *The Evolution of Vision*. All life on this planet depends upon sunlight. It is of the utmost consequence therefore that photosynthetic plants find the light, that herbivores find photosynthetic plants, and that carnivores find herbivores. Such are the objects of phototropism in plants and vision in animals. Central as they are among the conditions for survival, these processes have been subjected throughout the course of evolution to the most searching selection. Mr. Wald will discuss the origins and evolution of visual systems in terms primarily of their molecular mechanisms and relationship to light.

*The business agenda* for this meeting will include action on proposals by the Council for appropriations and dues for the fiscal year beginning 1 April 1959 and for amending the Statutes. Details will be found below in this issue of the *Bulletin* under *Business Agenda for 11 March.*

The meeting will be preceded by cocktails (six-thirty to seven) and buffet supper, for which reservations should be placed by 9 March. A supper reservation card is enclosed to resident Fellows; other members should request reservations by letter. Fellows may bring guests, including ladies, both to the meeting and to the supper. Automobiles should enter the drive from Allandale Road.

## Business Agenda for 11 March

*In accordance with the Statutes, the Council will recommend for action at the stated March meeting of the Academy the appropriations which in its opinion should be made for the ensuing fiscal year, and the Annual Dues therefor.* It was announced at the stated meeting on 11 February that the Council was giving consideration to the recommendation that the dues of resident Fellows be increased to $20 and the dues of non-resident Fellows to $10. The dues of resident Fellows have not been raised since 1945 and those of non-resident Fellows not since 1939. Since those dates, the value of the dollar has decreased considerably, and the activities of the Academy, including the publication of *Dædalus*, have increased considerably. After hearing the Council's views on 11 February, the Academy voted to amend the Statutes to remove the then existing ceilings on dues, which were $15 for resident Fellows and $5 for non-resident.

The Fellows at the meeting on 11 March, therefore, are free to raise dues if they see fit. Since many will not be able to be present at this meeting, particularly non-resident Fellows, the Council at its last meeting voted to publish in this issue of the *Bulletin* its interest in receiving written expressions

of approval or disapproval, or other opinions concerning the proposal to increase dues by $5, from any Fellows. Such communications should be addressed to: The Council, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 280 Newton Street, Brookline 46, Mass. Those which are received by Monday, 9 March, will be tabulated and studied to guide the Council in making its recommendations to the stated meeting on 11 March.

*Amending the Statutes to eliminate the requirement that resident Fellows pay an admission fee* will be called for at the stated meeting on 11 March, as proposed by the Council at the stated meeting of 11 February. The amendment is to delete from the Statutes the first paragraph of Article 6 of Chapter II, which now reads: "Every Fellow resident within fifty miles of Boston hereafter elected shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars: if he shall neglect to pay this fee within six months of the date of his election, his election shall become void. Fellows resident more than fifty miles from Boston shall pay no admission fee." The effect will be to eliminate all admission fees, and will not materially affect income.

## Concert, 8 March

On Sunday afternoon, 8 March, at four, a program of music will be given by Julian Bream, English guitarist and lutenist. Mr. Bream will present in the first part lute music of the Elizabethan epoch by the following composers: John Dowland, Anthony Holborne, Daniel Batchelor, Francis Cutting, Robert Johnson. In the second part he will play on the guitar, music of J. S. Bach, Fernando Sor, Manuel de Falla, Villa Lobos, Lennox Berkeley, Isaac Albeniz.

Fellows and their guests are cordially invited. Reservations for this concert, which is provided through the generosity of the Mason Music Foundation, should be made by returning the reservation card which was enclosed to resident Fellows with the February issue of the *Bulletin*, or by letter indicating any guests who will be brought.

## Reception for Israeli Ambassador

On *Friday, 27 March*, there will be a reception at the House, beginning with tea at four o'clock, honoring Abba Eban, the Israeli Ambassador in Washington, head of the Israeli mission to the United Nations, and President of the Weizmann Institute. Mr. Eban will be in Boston on a last visit before returning to Israel, presumably to assume new responsibilities. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Eban. Fellows and their guests are cordially invited to attend. To insure adequate provision for refreshments, Fellows who plan to be at the reception are asked to notify the Academy office not later than 25 March, indicating the number of guests who may accompany them.

## The April Meeting

On Wednesday, 8 April, the communications will commemorate the impact of Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) in several areas of the sciences and humanities.

## Science and Ethics

At the meeting of the Academy on 11 February, Ralph W. Gerard, professor of neurophysiology at Michigan, and Edwin P. Booth, professor of historical theology at Boston University, presented their views of the relation of science and ethics.

MR. GERARD first briefly characterized religion, ethics, and science. Religion he saw as a highly individual experience and attitude that becomes empty when collectively ritualized. It may ask the great ultimate questions, but it gives bad answers in that they are not capable of being disproven. The questions presented by ethics were considered, and the point was made that, historically, answers were first by fiat, from theology; then by postulate, from philosophy; and now by trial, from science. The theme of the presentation is that science can help give meaningful answers to the questions of ethics.

Science is like religion in that the individual devotee has faith and devotion, but unlike it in that it thrives on public collectivization and is strengthened by the demonstration of erroneous postulates and assumptions. The scientist believes in truth, or regularity, and in the operational method of finding this. He believes that the findings are universally compelling, through reason, and that concurrence can and should be achieved with no compulsion or authority of any sort. Science, which is organized and tested common sense; an attitude and procedure; a way of life; a human creation; a public, operational, empiric, rational, cumulative, universal body of knowledge; has itself elements of an ethic. But it is too austere for becoming a religion, with the associated emotional drives, to any significant degree.

The contributions of science to ethics were then discussed in some detail, beginning with the expansion of the ethic of science itself. A second contribution, largely from the realm of social anthropology, has been to show the relative nature of particular ethical answers given, and so to eliminate absolute and dogmatic assertions in this realm. Even the value of human life is highly variable with cultures and circumstances.

A third great contribution is an improved understanding of human nature, through neurophysiological and experimental psychological studies of the brain and behavior, and through socio-cultural studies of man as a unit in his larger society or epiorganism. Under the former comes an understanding of the origin and control of drives, of the mechanisms in the nervous system producing purposeful behavior, and of the experiences of faith and revelation, all in terms of the activity of the nervous system. In the latter area, man's beliefs are indoctrinated by education and many other persuasions present in the internal environment of his society. He sacrifices old freedoms and gains new ones, with no sense of displacement, except as science and technology bring about an awareness of change, by too rapidly altering power sources and lines, and so mores,

ethics, laws, and sanctions and motivations. The serious value conflicts are those between man as an individual, seeking self-preservation, and man as a member of the community, seeking group and race preservation.

A last great contribution by science is by an improved understanding of the direction of biological change. All living things are tracking machines, riding through life on the two rails of the expected and the desired. At the level of the individual organism, the physiology of self-regulation or homeostasis shows much of the living machinery devoted to maintaining the physiological constants, including an appropriate constant level of stress; so that happiness is seen as an appropriate balance of equilibrium and change, of comfort and effort. The internal actions of the body also show values and purpose; on many objective criteria the brain especially, the heart, and the fetus are valued by the organism; and the goals which are given primary attention, to the detriment of others, are those serving the best interests of the whole organism.

The second area under biological change is the long-range evolutionary one. Organisms have successively solved problems making for better and fuller survival of the race, problems involving better food, habitat, locomotion, and behavioral capacity. Other mechanisms have developed to speed the evolutionary process itself: genes, sex, care of young, and learning. And still further, there has been a progressive trend towards differentiation and cooperation of the parts, multicellularity and homeostasis; and cooperation or altruism has increased over the evolutionary sequence in relation to competition and hostility.

Biology thus does give empirical support to the religious teaching, "Love thy neighbor." If science does in time offer support for certain value systems while refuting others, perhaps the irreconcilable conflicts will be resolved short of the test of the mightier battalion that has always prevailed in the past.

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Mr. Booth, in his talk, although from the point of view of a liberal theologian rather than that of a neurophysiologist, also insisted on a close correlation between the results of scientific studies and the formation of ethical standards. One cannot discuss ethics, i. e., the questions of right and wrong, beneficial and harmful, etc., without establishing criteria for the judgment. The basis of criteria in all issues and without exception is within and conditioned by human experience. The human consciousness is itself in the same process which it judges. Therefore, all scientific findings on the nature of the human organism and its environment are indispensable for the ethicist in his work. The Greek 'ethos' and the Latin 'mores' lie behind our English 'ethical' and 'moral.' All refer to the 'customs' built up over centuries of conscious social evolution, built upon previous centuries of pre-conscious evolution; and all customs have the nature of 'survival' devices.

"Science has come with her winnowing fan," Dean Inge has said, and the race has now an ever-increasing opportunity to apply knowledge to the alteration of ethical customs toward the benefit of all, in all areas of life. The basic 'survival drives,' namely, hunger, sex, selfhood, must be the basis of activity. The ethical channels cut by Church and State and particular cultures may now be universalized. Ethics is an activity motivated by the attraction of the universal for the particular. Its real power is that the whole is calling, as it were, on the part. This is the elemental force of Schweitzer's criterion of 'reverence for life.' In science's more exact knowledges man is finding a new opportunity to recast the nature and extent of his ethical behavior. The starting point of all such discussion should be the concept of man as an organism in evolution. Maladjustment causes evil, adjustment harmony. Knowledge and obedience to the known is the key to our ethics that will be productive for social survival, and for personal harmonious adaptation. Happiness occurs when the particular is in ordered interactive relationship with the universal.

## Report on the A. C. L. S.

The forty-second meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies was held in Rochester, New York, on 21-23 January 1959.

The retirement of Howard Mumford Jones from the Chairmanship of the ACLS should be noted, for no man has ever done more to bring a useful organization out of the doldrums. When he became chairman in 1955, the ACLS had a limited life expectancy. The Rockefeller Foundation and Carnegie Corporation which had, for a quarter of a century, provided the principal support of the Council had withdrawn their assistance; other foundations showed no interest, and the funds on hand would only permit the Council to stagger along for a couple of years at most. Howard Jones, like Sir Winston Churchill, had not taken over the leadership of an organization to preside at its dissolution. By January 1957 he was able to announce that the Council had been granted $2,600,000 by the Ford Foundation and $500,000 by the Carnegie Corporation to be used during the next five years. With this aid, a new staff was recruited, the offices were moved from Washington to New York, and by the summer of 1957 the show was back on the road.

Earlier meetings that I have attended were devoted to extended, and sometimes tedious, discussions of the "plight of the humanities," or not entirely successful efforts to interest a wide audience by organized panels whose deliberations were intended to depict the "humanities in action." This year, with funds in the bank and a year's experience in awarding fellowships and grants-in-aid, such self-consciousness was unnecessary. Those attending were given copies of a workman-like report of the Council's activities during the fiscal year 1 July 1957 – 30 June 1958 and of Howard Jones' illuminating book *One Great Society, Humane Learning in the United States*, which presented the deliberations of a Commission on the Humanities appointed by the ACLS in 1955. With these documents in hand, it was

possible to devote the morning and afternoon sessions of 22 January to informal discussion of the relationship between the constituent societies and the ACLS, and to give all present an opportunity to ventilate their views on what the ACLS should be doing over the next two years. With the exception of some superfluous speeches by newly appointed delegates who knew little of the background of the past half dozen years, and who longed for a proliferation of the democratic process, the great majority of the remarks indicated assured satisfaction with the present management.

To me the most significant remarks were made by Eric Larrabee, who, in addressing himself to the question: "How can the ACLS demonstrate to the public the importance of the humanities?" gave the unequivocal answer "by sticking to humane learning and forgetting about conscious attempts to influence the public." Mr. Larrabee pointed out that the profession of journalism, like the oldest profession, tended to resent amateur intrusion, and that amateur journalists, at least, were not always very successful. One gathered from his remarks that the scholar could, with a clear conscience, stick to his proper business without wasting time disguising himself as a clipped poodle and attempting to jump through hoops in the circus ring.

– Walter Muir Whitehill
*Delegate to the ACLS*

## Nantucket Meeting in September

On 14 and 15 September 1959 meetings arranged by the Academy jointly with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association will be held on Nantucket in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the settlement of the Island. Details concerning the program will be published later. Fellows may wish to reserve the dates for a trip to the Island.

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### The 179th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 13 May 1959, at 8 P.M.

The Annual Meeting business will begin at eight o'clock, and will include election of new members and of officers and committees.

Two special Elizabeth Thompson awards to secondary-school science teachers for distinguished efforts to encourage and assist other teachers of science throughout New England will be presented to Dr. Albert Edouard Navez of the Newton Public Schools and Raymond Scott of the Ringe Technical High School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### FORUM

### *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Meaning*

The Academy's function to relate the arts and sciences to the welfare of the people is defined by its charter of Revolutionary days. This function is being reconsidered for relevance in the face of new revolutionary factors facing us today. Under the Chairmanship of Hudson Hoagland, the Committee on Planning and Development has for the past two years been studying this situation. At the 179th Annual Meeting, the Committee will present for consideration by the Fellows a far-reaching proposal for more effective involvement of the knowledge of scientists and scholars in the decision-making of our social institutions as they face radically novel conditions posed by science, technology, and the new interdependence of all peoples.

The following panel will lead the discussion: Hudson Hoagland, *Executive Director, Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology*; Edwin H. Land, *President, Polaroid Corporation*; Elting E. Morison, *Professor of Industrial Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*; and other commentators will be called upon.

The Planning and Development Committee suggests that it is a primary function of the Academy to bring together men of different relevant disciplines to define, in the light shed by their respective specialties, some of the major problems facing our civilization; and then to seek solutions to these problems, again under the illumination of pertinent bands of the spectrum of knowledge. The title for the project is "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Meaning," reminiscent of the philosophy which motivated the Founding Fathers.

The meeting will be preceded by cocktails (six-thirty to seven) and buffet supper, for which reservations should be made by 11 May. A supper reservation card is enclosed to resident Fellows; other members should request reservations by letter. Fellows may bring guests, including ladies, both to the meeting and to the supper. Automobiles should enter the drive from Allandale Road.

## Elizabeth Thompson Awards

Since 1952 the Academy, through awards from the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund, has given public recognition to science (including mathematics) teachers in the secondary schools of New England whose performance in the art of science teaching has been, in its opinion, outstandingly meritorious. The nominations are made through the Academy's Committee on School Science, which since 1947 has felt the situation in science teaching to be critical for our culture, and has in various ways sought to stimulate and improve public recognition of this situation.

During the dozen years in which it has been functioning the Committee has been impressed with two science teachers whose sense of public responsibility has led them voluntarily to go far

beyond their professional duties in their own schools to labor among their colleagues in other secondary schools in New England for improvements in the art of science teaching. They have put hundreds of their extra-curricular hours and even considerable personal financing into this work, particularly through science teacher organizations and through the development of science fairs in the schools of New England. Among other things, they have sought to reach beyond didactic pedagogy to bring something of the spirit of the intellectual curiosity, critical doubting, and disciplined search of the mature scientist into the school room.

Because these two teachers have worked closely with the Academy's Committee on School Science, and because the Committee would honor them more especially for their work beyond the classroom, it was decided not to nominate them for the regular Elizabeth Thompson Award for Outstanding Teaching of Science, but to wait for a suitable occasion for a special award. The Academy is pleased, therefore, to announce that at its 179th Annual Meeting on 13 May 1959 it will present two Special Elizabeth Thompson Awards to Secondary-School Science Teachers for Distinguished Efforts to Encourage and Assist Other Teachers, each accompanied by a premium of five hundred dollars, one to Dr. Albert Edouard Navez of the Newton (Massachusetts) Public Schools and one to Mr. Raymond Scott of the Rindge Technical High School of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## Nantucket Pilgrimage in September

Even in Academic affairs, "never underestimate the power of a woman." And when there is added to the woman an island *en fête*, the sea, and the stars, the total is sufficient to move the Academy to an assembly outside the 30-mile-from-Boston circle. The island is Nantucket, celebrating its 300th birthday; the sea is the home of whales and the ambient of undersea photographers; and the stars are especially those seen

through the telescope of Maria Mitchell, pioneer female astronomer and first woman Fellow of the Academy, elected in 1848.

The main events of the special gathering are scheduled from 3 P.M. on Monday, 14 September, through luncheon on Tuesday, 15 September. A session has been planned on some recent scientific investigations of whales. Paul Dudley White, William E. Schevill and John W. Kanwisher will tell us how the whale ticks, moves, and knows. We are anticipating hearing about and seeing films of oceanographic explorations, and we plan to pay tribute to Miss Mitchell. There will be tours of the island Tuesday morning with expert guides on the history, geology, flora, and fauna, followed by a clambake at noon. Arrangements are being made for hotel accommodations at approximately $12 per day including meals.

Fellows and their guests are invited to visit the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and its ocean exploring vessels, en route to Nantucket. Some are already planning to arrive on the island a day or more before and to remain there a day or more after the formal program. We are told that ocean water temperatures there will still be over 70°; and that the weather is the fairest of the year, although most of the summer visitors have gone. Beaches, sailboats, and fishing equipment are at hand, as are bicycles, golf courses, the moors, and the sand dunes. Among the historical locations and museums of particular interest to Fellows is the Maria Mitchell home, kept up as it was when she lived there.

The island of Nantucket may be reached by a two and a half hour steamboat ride from Woods Hole, or by Northeast Airlines service (approximately one hour from Boston and less than two hours from New York).

Fellows who think they might take part in this pilgrimage are requested to indicate their interest on the enclosed card. Detailed announcements will be sent out to them later. This will not be considered a binding reservation, but tentative, subject to ratification upon receipt of the detailed program in July or August.

## Fellows in Massachusetts to Advise Commissioner of Education

Advice on the most effective ways to spend $2,000,000 of tax money on materials and equipment to improve science and modern language instruction in the schools of Massachusetts under Public Law 864 is being sought by Dr. Owen B. Kiernan, Commissioner of Education, through the Academy's Committee on School Science.

To Fellows resident in Massachusetts, there is enclosed with this copy of the Bulletin a card which the Committee hopes Fellows will fill out and return if they are available to be called upon for this public service. It will include a meeting of Fellows with the Commissioner, together with his associates for the science and modern language programs, to discuss the general problem on the evening of 25 May. The educational areas concerned include mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, and modern languages.

## The Humboldt Centennial Conference

On 8 and 9 April, 1959, the Academy commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the death of its distinguished Foreign Honorary Member, Alexander von Humboldt, in a conference which reviewed current research in three fields in which Humboldt pioneered—magnetism, plant geography, and anthropology.

The conference, under the general chairmanship of Professor Harlow Shapley, opened at the House of the Academy on the afternoon of the 8th, with the session on magnetism, under the chairmanship of Professor Kirtley F. Mather. Three papers were presented: *The earth's magnetism*, Sydney Chapman, President, Special Commission for the International Geophysical Year; *Observational aspects of stellar magnetism*, Horace W. Babcock, Assistant Director, Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories; *Paleomagnetism*, James R. Balsley, Jr., Chief, Geophysics Branch, U.S. Geological Survey.

The second session of the conference, held jointly as the 1,414th Stated Meeting of the Academy, under the chairmanship of I. Bernard Cohen, Associate Professor of the History of Science and of General Education, Harvard University, reviewed the life of von Humboldt, his humanism as well as his scientific work, and his impact on his own time and his perennial message for man. At 5:15 a paper was presented, *Humboldt and the science of the 19th century*, by Adolf Meyer-Abich, Professor der Geschichte der Naturwissenschaft an der Universität Hamburg. Following the customary buffet supper, the 8:15 session consisted of two papers: *The humanism of Alexander von Humboldt* by Helmut de Terra, Research Associate in Geology, Columbia University; and *Humboldt's cosmos as a message to man* by Willy Hartner, Direktor, Institut für Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main.

The third session, on Thursday morning, 9 April, was concerned with plant geography under the chairmanship of Hugh M. Raup, Director of the Harvard Forest. Three papers were presented: *Some aspects of the vegetation along the Humboldt route in the Lower Magdalena Valley in Colombia* by Armando Dugand, Professor of Botany, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, formerly Director, Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Bogotá; *Modern phytogeography in the basins of the Alto Orinoco-Alto Rio Negro* by Bassett Maguire, Curator and Coordinator of Tropical Research, The New York Botanical Garden; and *The vegetation of tropical mountains and the life forms of plants (A contemporary view of Humboldt's ideas)* by C. Troll, Direktor, Geographisches Institut der Universität Bonn.

Session four, under the chairmanship of Gordon R. Willey, Professor of Central American and Mexican Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, consisted of three papers on anthropology. They were: *Amerind and general linguistics*, Norman A. McQuown, Associate Professor of Anthropology, The University of Chicago; *South American ethnology*, John P. Gillin, Research Professor of Anthropology, University of North Carolina; and *Recent developments in the reconstruction of Mesoamerica's pre-Hispanic history through correlation of archaeological and documentary data*, Wigberto Jiménez Moreno, Professor of Anthropology, Escuela Nacional de Antropología, México.

The final session, held at the Boston Museum of Science in cooperation with the Museum and the Pan American Society of New England, presented a popular account of von Humboldt's career by Dr. de Terra, and a color motion picture of the terrain, the flora, and the fauna of the wilds of Venezuela made by Professor Volkmar Vareschi of the Universidad Central de Venezuela as he and his photographer companion, W. Wiedemann, retraced von Humboldt's route. Professor Vareschi was introduced by Professor Richard E. Schultes, Curator of the Harvard Botanical Museum; and his commentary on the film was read by Mr. Henrik Blohm of Venezuela.

## Fellows Welcome to Use the House

The Academy's House offers so pleasant an escape from the nearby city, and from importunate telephones, that it is hoped Fellows will find occasion to use the rooms on the ground floor for reading, study, or conversation. The pergola and casino at the end of the Italian garden and the shady grove on the top of the hill are added attractions in the summer. Fellows are welcome to come (with such personal guests as they desire to bring) without prearrangement during the normal hours of the Academy office, which are from nine to five on Mondays through Fridays. For other arrangements, previous appointment should be made with the office.

Present housekeeping arrangements preclude any regular service of meals, but there is a refrigerator for cooling beverages and supplying ice.

While the House may not be used as a club house for social purposes unrelated to the ends of the Academy, Fellows may always request the use of rooms for meetings concerned with scholarly disciplines, or restricted to members of a particular learned or professional society.

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# The Committee on the Nantucket Pilgrimage

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## American Academy of Arts and Sciences

cordially invites you and your guests to join
some one or two hundred other Fellows
and guests on an academic voyage
to the Island of Nantucket

Sunday, 13 September through
Tuesday, 15 September 1959

*R. S. V. P. by 13 August on the form overleaf*

Hotel reservations for a minimum number must be guaranteed by 14 August. A limited number of additional reservations can be accepted later.

## *Reservation Blank*

## NANTUCKET PILGRIMAGE

American Academy of Arts and Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

*To be mailed to the Academy Office by 13 August.*

Please make reservations for me and my guests, as follows:

*Please check*

A. Sherry and Luncheon, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Sunday, 13 September ($3 per person) ☐

B. Round-trip steamer passage from Woods Hole to Nantucket on 13 September and return (Special rate $4.95, ordinary round-trip fare $9, per person) ☐

C. Hotel room, two nights and six meals, at Sea Cliff Inn, beginning with dinner on Sunday evening through Tuesday noon. ($24 per person for the full period) All rooms have baths or running water. Rooms with baths will be assigned in the order in which reservations are received. ☐

D. My guests will be (please print):

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E. I shall be driving to Woods Hole from …………………… and can take …… passengers

F. …… members of my party would appreciate transportation from …………………… to Woods Hole ☐

G. I'd be interested in taking my car over to the Island on the steamer if the round-trip cost were $20 ☐, $26.30 ☐. (See note on transportation.) ☐

H. ……………………………………………

Name of Fellow

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### American Academy of Arts and Sciences

## NANTUCKET PILGRIMAGE

### 13-15 September 1959

In response to a cordial invitation to meet on Nantucket, received from the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association and the 300th Birthday Committee of the Island, the Academy appointed a committee. The Committee developed a program for a three-day *Pilgrimage.*

Someone has inquired whether this voyage of academicians with wives and other guests to the Island of Nantucket in mid-September is a materialization of the Academy's proposed conference on *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.* We do not deny the relevance of this theme for a few days on such a lovely and historic island, especially at the end of the summer when the skies are most likely to be fair, when the ocean temperatures are still over seventy, and when the Island has returned to the quiet beauty of its early-American architecture and cultivated gardens, set in the wild of the moors, bordered by the dunes and limitless sea.

According to the response to the inquiry in our May *Bulletin,* it would appear that some 150 to 200 or more Fellows, wives, and other guests, including a good many from outside of New England, from Washington, D. C. to Washington State, will participate in the Pilgrimage. It should be an excellent occasion for informal and leisurely conversations with many Fellow academicians.

Sunday noon, we shall be received at Woods Hole for luncheon and an inspection tour by Director Paul M. Fye and other officials of the Oceanographic Institution. On Nantucket, Sunday evening, we shall honor the academic woman, as we pay tribute to our first female Fellow, Maria Mitchell, elected 111 years ago for her astronomical discoveries. On Monday morning we plan to review, with motion-picture illustrations, some of the recent scientific findings about the whale, and to make a vicarious visit to the deepest deeps of the deep sea in the evening. Monday afternoon and Tuesday will allow pleasant opportunity to contemplate the historical setting that Nantucket provides for anyone interested in whales and the exploration of the oceans. Fellows and guests may arrange to remain a day or more later. See notes on pages 5 and 6.

# PROGRAM

## Sunday Afternoon, 13 September 1959

11-12 A.M. Arrive at Woods Hole. Stop at Steamship Wharf to leave bags, to purchase boat tickets, and to be directed to parking area and luncheon.

12 NOON Sherry and Luncheon.

1.30 P.M. Visit aboard the *Atlantis* and other oceanographic vessels, and to the laboratories of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

3.30 P.M. Sail on *S. S. Nantucket* for the Island (approximately 3 hours).

7.30 P.M. Dinner at Sea Cliff Inn.

8.30 P.M. Maria Mitchell and the Role of Women in Research and Learning.

Master of Ceremonies:
HARLOW SHAPLEY, Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Emeritus, Harvard University.

*Maria Mitchell as an Astronomer*
DIRK BROUWER, Director of the Yale Observatory, and Chairman of the Astronomical Committee of the Maria Mitchell Observatory.

Presentation to the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association
KIRTLEY F. MATHER, President of the Academy.

*Women in Research and Learning*
MARY I. BUNTING, Dean of Douglass College, Rutgers University, and President-Elect, Radcliffe College.

Reception for the Academicians
THE NANTUCKET MARIA MITCHELL ASSOCIATION.

## Monday, 14 September 1959

8.00 A.M. Breakfast, Sea Cliff Inn.

9.30 A.M. Symposium: Recent Scientific Views of the Whale, with motion pictures and sound.

*Living Whales*
WILLIAM E. SCHEVILL, Research Associate in Zoölogy, Harvard University, and Associate in Oceanography at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

*Temperature Regulation in Whales*
JOHN W. KANWISHER, Research Associate in Biophysics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

*Studies of the Heart of the Largest Mammal*
PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, Consultant, Massachusetts General Hospital.

1.00 P.M. Luncheon, Sea Cliff Inn.

2.30 P.M. Informal Meanders.

Several small groups will be formed to meander on foot around the town, visiting architectural gems and historic points of interest, each group led by special guides. Most of the groups will stop at the Maria Mitchell observatory, scientific library, and home, where tea will be served from 3 to 5 P.M.

A bicycle tour will be led by Paul Dudley White (to develop a whale of a heart), Robert Mooney (Nantucket Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature) and Mrs. Mooney. Bicycles (English or American) may be rented on the Island.

Swimming, sailing, fishing (boats may be rented), horseback riding, golf (clubs may be rented), and other outdoor activities may occupy some groups.

6.30 P.M. Dinner at the Sea Cliff Inn.

8.30 P.M. Lecture and motion picture (sound and color).

*Life and Life Conditions in the Deepest Deep Sea*
ANTON F. BRUUN, University of Copenhagen.

## Tuesday, 15 September 1959

8.00 A.M. Breakfast, Sea Cliff Inn.

9.30 A.M. Tour of Nantucket Island by bus, with commentary on the natural and cultural history.

12.00 NOON Nantucket Clambake at a suitable beach, depending on the weather.

4.00 P.M. Boat sails to arrive at Woods Hole about 7.15 P.M.

## *Reservation Blank*

## NANTUCKET PILGRIMAGE

American Academy of Arts and Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

*To be mailed to the Academy Office by 13 August.*

Please make reservations for me and my guests, as follows:

*Please check*

A. Sherry and Luncheon, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Sunday, 13 September ($3 per person) ☐

B. Round-trip steamer passage from Woods Hole to Nantucket on 13 September and return (Special rate $4.95, ordinary round-trip fare $9, per person) ☐

C. Hotel room, two nights and six meals, at Sea Cliff Inn, beginning with dinner on Sunday evening through Tuesday noon. ($24 per person for the full period) All rooms have baths or running water. Rooms with baths will be assigned in the order in which reservations are received. ☐

D. My guests will be (please print):

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E. I shall be driving to Woods Hole from ........................................ and can take ........ passengers

F. ........ members of my party would appreciate transportation from ........................ to Woods Hole ☐

G. I'd be interested in taking my car over to the Island on the steamer if the round-trip cost were $20 ☐, $26.30 ☐. (See note on transportation.) ☐

H. ........................................
Name of Fellow

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Address

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### *Cost*

The cooperation of several agencies and the post-vacation season combine to make the costs very reasonable. Once you arrive at Woods Hole, the costs of seven meals, hotel room for two nights, and the round-trip sail to the Island, should be about $35 per person. In addition there may be fees for hiring bicycles, sailboats, etc., as well as tips and miscellaneous purchases.

### *Dress*

Dinner jackets will not be required. You may wish to bring sports clothes and footwear for walking, horseback riding, golf, sailing, and cycling, as well as bathing suits. The temperatures on Nantucket in September are warmer than in June, and in mid-September the mean is about 63°, with the daily maxima averaging about 69°.

### *Hotel Headquarters*

Our hotel headquarters will be the Sea Cliff Inn which is being turned over for our use. A hotel leaflet is enclosed with this notice. Fellows staying in their own or friends' houses at Nantucket may attend the various functions without putting up at the Inn, but they may wish to join in making reservations for some or all of the meals there (including the clambake provided by the hotel at the beach). If you and your guests wish to continue at the hotel at the same rate for one or more days after Tuesday, 15 September, the Academy office will make reservations if you indicate it; please specify dates. The special group rate boat passage will be valid for return to the mainland at the later date.

### *Transportation*

The Nantucket Pilgrimage starts on Sunday, 13 September. Most members will plan to arrive by automobile at Woods Hole (in Falmouth, Mass.) between 11 and 12 in the morning. The drive from Boston takes about two hours. For those who may not find it convenient to drive, other Fellows would undoubtedly have extra space and be glad to have company. Please check your interest on the reservation form. One can also arrive at Woods Hole by bus from Boston on the Almeida Lines and from Providence on the Short Line.

The first stop should be the steamboat wharf to leave your baggage, to purchase steamboat tickets (Academy group rate is $4.95 round trip; the regular round-trip fare is $9), and to receive information

about parking and reaching the place of the luncheon. Outdoor parking space will be provided through the courtesy of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

At 3.30 P.M. the Pilgrimage will leave on the *S. S. Nantucket* from the Woods Hole steamboat wharf for a three-hour sail to arrive on Nantucket in time for dinner.

For those who wish to attend a portion of the Pilgrimage, but who cannot arrive at the above-mentioned time, airplane flights from New York City, or from Boston, or Hyannis, Mass., are scheduled by Northeast Airlines to the airport on Nantucket Island. One also may leave the Island by plane or by any of the scheduled vessels of the New Bedford, Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority.

*Automobiles* may be transported by the steamer to the Island at a cost of $26.30 round trip. If we have 15 or more reservations, the round-trip fare per car would be reduced to $20. You will not need your car on the Island to participate in the full program.

### *Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution*

The Academy is pleased to be invited to become acquainted with one of the most prominent of the few scientific oceanographic research institutions of today. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, founded in 1930 at the suggestion of the National Academy of Sciences, is an independent non-profit scientific organization. Recently, scientists of the Academy have been urging that a more intensive exploration of the vast unknown features of the oceans of this planet is as compelling as the exploration of the regions beyond our atmosphere. The Institution's contribution to our Pilgrimage will continue after we get to Nantucket, where members of the staff will present papers at the symposium on the whale. Director Fye and his associates were instrumental in arranging for the participation of Dr. Bruun and for other aspects of our Pilgrimage.

The Committee on the Nantucket Pilgrimage

Jacob Fine, *Chairman*

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Joseph H. Keenan
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Raymond S. Stevens
G. Wallace Woodworth

# Why the Nantucket Voyage of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

by Kirtley F. Mather, President of the Academy

Why does a group of some of America's foremost creators and scholars in the sciences and the arts make a voyage to the Island of Nantucket at the conclusion of the Island's 300th Anniversary of its settlement by bearers of European culture?

First I should indicate what the Academy is: an association of some fourteen hundred leaders in the intellectual life of our country--men of genius and learning, the Charter of the Academy calls them. They reside in all parts of the United States, from coast to coast, and are distributed in every major field of knowledge and its applications. They include many of the high-ranking scientists in every discipline from astronomy to zoology, creative artists, statesmen, theologians, administrators and "men of affairs."

One reason for such a pilgrimage by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is sentimental and historical. Although the Academy was established by patriots of the American Revolution in Boston in 1780, the election of a woman to membership did not occur until 1848. The first female Fellow was Maria Mitchell, who in her backyard observatory on Nantucket discovered a comet. The Academy, which was invited to the Island by the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association and the Committee on the 300th Anniversary, will pay homage to Maria Mitchell and what she represents.

A second reason is also partly sentimental, but it looks to the future rather than the past. Maria Mitchell, who later became professor of astronomy at the famous institution of higher learning known as Vassar, calls to mind the question: What part is played by women and what part should be played by women in the world of learning in the different fields represented by the Academy? Do women have capacities to work on a par with men in all these areas, or are they even superior in some? Does the technological age offer them new freedom for such work on which we have not yet fully capitalized? And what may be the opportunities and responsibilities in the educating and preparing of women for professional work in the important areas of higher learning? A prominent woman biological scientist of today has just recently been selected to become the President of Radcliffe College next year: Dr. Mary I. Bunting, now Dean of Douglass College, Rutgers University. She has been doing some thinking about the higher education of women and about their preparation for professional work in the learned world. She will communicate some of her thoughts for consideration by the Academy.

It may be of interest to note that today there are 34 women members of the Academy--less than three per cent of the total number of Fellows. Nevertheless, they are prominent in every major field of the Academy, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, anthropology, psychology, sociology, philosophy, history, literature, the fine arts, education, government.

A third reason for the Academy's voyage to Nantucket Island is the delight that learned people take in looking outside the windows of their own houses to see what is going on in the other centers of learning about them. Fellows, male and female, and their spouses anticipate looking through some windows into the nature of a field of knowledge to which the people of Nantucket have contributed much. Papers will be presented by scientists on contemporary investigations of whales and on the life in the deepest deeps of the oceans. Another open window will be a visit of the Academicians to the Oceanographic Institution at Woods Hole, to see what is going on there. Is this a postman's holiday for the people of the learned world?

But a fourth reason for this pilgrimage of the Academy is possibly most interesting to people outside of the Academy, at least to those people who are wondering about novel developments in the learned world, and who wonder what dangers and benefits the learned world may be brewing for the whole culture. To understand this fourth reason, it is necessary to keep in mind that the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is very different from the usual scientific or learned society. Its membership and program is not limited to the pursuit of knowledge or the development of practical applications of knowledge in any single discipline of the arts or sciences. According to the common attitude of scientists, papers on the whale and on the phenomena of the deepest oceans properly belong in the meetings of a society of oceanographers, not in a society which includes psychologists, judges, historians, and all kinds of other specialists. And as a matter of fact the papers to be presented to the Academy at Nantucket on these subjects are in part made possible by oceanographers who will be coming to the Academy's meeting just after they have finished their two-week-long international congress on oceanography at the United Nations in New York City. The oceanographic Fellows of the Academy will have been to those New York meetings, and will have heard much more about current developments in oceanography and much more technical detail than will be presented at the meeting of the Academy. The view through the oceanographers' windows at the meeting has a very different perspective from that available at the oceanographic congress.

At the Academy, the view is not so much for the advancement of oceanography as it is for the setting of oceanography in its broader cultural context.

Participating in the Nantucket voyage of the Academy will be Fellows whose field of work is as far from the ocean as the work of the astrophysicist exploring space far from the earth. Scholars in a great variety of branches of learning, many of them seemingly remote from oceanography, will be present. What truly brings them together? What common task do they have? This fourth reason for our Nantucket voyage illustrates what is in my opinion one of the most important intellectual responsibilities of our day. It is a concern that has been increasing in the academic community in recent decades. What is the significance for mankind of the totality of all the wondrous and rapid advances in knowledge? What do all the marvelous powers and possibilities opened to man--whether it be atomic physics, the psychology or chemistry of emotions, the social institutions, the moral law, or whatever--what do all these new understandings and powers taken together as a whole mean for man and his future? Just as the operations of the atomic engineer might be disastrous if he were not informed about what biologists know of the dangers to human genetics, so may any human enterprise be dangerous if not properly informed by a wisdom that integrates the facts and concepts in all areas of learning about reality of which we have knowledge.

Therefore, while completely unscheduled on its printed program, one of the chief values of this three-day meeting of the Academy is to be found in the very act of bringing together for this period a group of leaders from many different disciplines of learning, to rub elbows, to talk informally, to look out through windows provided by experts in other fields, to gain insight and a new perspective on what our total culture looks like and what this insight implies for man and his future. From that viewpoint the Nantucket voyage of the American Academy is in fact a part of its on-going program, designed to bring its unique resources of knowledge and understanding into greater service for human welfare as it focuses attention upon the impact of newly gained knowledge on all aspects of life in this middle third of the Twentieth Century.

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Nantucket Pilgrimage
13-15 September 1959

## NOTES

Our steamship will leave Woods Hole promptly at 3:30 p.m., SUNDAY.

For schedule of events and general information, refer to your blue Nantucket folder; extra copies are available at the Academy's information desk in the lobby of the Sea Cliff Inn.

### BAGGAGE

A handling charge of 25¢ for each piece of luggage, each way, covers insurance.

Direct delivery to your room at the Inn will be made of each piece of baggage that is checked at the steamship wharf at Woods Hole on Sunday with a tag bearing your name and room assignment. For this direct delivery, your baggage claim check should be turned in at the desk of the Sea Cliff Inn after you have seen that your baggage has been delivered.

Baggage to be returned to Woods Hole on the boat leaving Nantucket at 4 p.m. on Tuesday may be left outside your hotel room door Tuesday morning, --in any case not later than 2 p.m., with name tag still attached.

### BADGES

Please wear your name badges at all times.

### SEA CLIFF INN

Transportation. Busses will be waiting at the Nantucket dock to transport you to the Inn. (The charge will be 50¢ per person and will be collected by the driver)

Registration. Upon identifying yourself at the desk, you will be given the key to your room. You may register at the desk at any time Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Meal Reservations. Fellows who are not staying at the Inn, but have made or wish to make meal reservations should register and pay for these meals at the hotel desk Sunday evening. Charges are as follows: Breakfast, $1.25; luncheon, $2.75; dinner, $4.00

Cocktails. All drinks will be 65¢ each. No orders will be taken in the dining room but drinks may be carried there from the bar. The cocktail lounge opens at 1 p.m. on Sunday and at 5 p.m. on week days. A bar will be set up in the ballroom also late Sunday evening and before dinner on Monday.

The Inn will be open until noon of the 20th, for those persons who are staying beyond 15 September.

Payment. The hotel management has asked that hotel bills be paid during Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. Payment can be made by check.

Gratuities. The hotel rate of $12 per day does not include gratuities to the staff. It is suggested that gratuities be not given individually; but that a suitable percentage (commonly 15%) be contributed at the desk when the hotel bill is paid. The hotel will distribute the gratuities pro rata among the employees.

MEETINGS

Sunday evening. The program of speakers will be in the ballroom of the Inn; the reception in the lobby.

Lectures. All lectures will be given in the Unitarian Church, at a distance of one-half mile from the Inn. Individuals or groups wishing transportation should make arrangements in advance at the hotel desk.

GENERAL

The bus tour of Nantucket Island with commentary, on Tuesday morning, will cost not more than $2 per person. Those who wish to go should sign up in advance at the Academy's information desk in the lobby.

Bicycles may be rented from the Holiday Cycle Shop, 4 Chester Street, (three minutes from the hotel) or at Young's Cycle Shop, 6 Broad Street, (five minutes from the hotel). Rates are $1 per day for American and $1.50 for English bicycles.

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# Science Unit Program Set

## 200 to Attend Nantucket Conclave

Special to The Standard-Times

NANTUCKET, Sept. 12 — An estimated 200 men and women of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences will be extended a red-carpet welcome when they arrive here aboard the steamer Nantucket tomorrow night.

The group is on "The Nantucket Pilgrimage" at the invitation of the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association, which is celebrating the town's 300th birthday.

The annual conference, at which the nation's leaders in the arts and sciences will participate in lectures and symposiums at the Sea Cliff Inn, will get under way tomorrow night and will continue through Tuesday.

Before coming to Nantucket, the group will assemble on Steamboat Wharf at Woods Hole to check their baggage and then visit the Oceanographic Institution and the Atlantis tomorrow afternoon. They will leave Woods Hole at 3:30 p. m. and arrive here at 6:30 p. m.

The group will be met at Steamboat Wharf by a committee from the Maria Mitchell Association headed by Dr. Dorrit Hoffleit, director of the Maria Mitchell Observatory. At the Sea Cliff Inn, they will be greeted by Robert Lloyd, owner.

Master of ceremonies at the banquet will be Harlow Shapley, Paine professor of practical astronomy, emeritus, at Harvard University. Principal speaker will be Dirk Brouwer, director of Yale Observatory and chairman of the astronomical committee of the Maria Mitchell Observatory. His subject will be "Maria Mitchell as an Astronomer."

One of the features of the evening will be the presentation of a gift by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to the Maria Mitchell Association. The presentation will be made by President Kirtley F. Mather.

Another speaker will be Mary I. Bunting, president-elect of Radcliffe College. She will talk on "Women in Research and Learning."

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# U.S. ACADEMICIANS HAIL SOVIET FEAT

## Nantucket Pilgrims Study Details of Moon Rocket —Visit Ends Today

**By JOHN H. FENTON**
Special to The New York Times.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Sept. 14—A group of academicians on the pilgrimage to this island spared an appreciative glance today at the latest chapter in Russian space history.

Then they resumed turning back the pages of local history over the last three centuries. The academicians are fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. They are here for three days of relaxation and a touch of academic discussion thirty miles off the Massachusetts coast.

Primarily, the group came to pay homage to the memory of Maria Mitchell, a Nantucket astronomer of a century ago and the first woman to be elected an academy fellow.

But they also were here for the close of the summer-long observance of the 300th anniversary of Nantucket.

For the most part the academicians took the news of the Russian strike on the moon in stride. But they eagerly devoured details in newspapers.

### Called Diplomatic Shot

Dr. Harlow Shapley termed the Soviet accomplishment "more of a diplomatic shot than a scientific one." He is Professor Emeritus of Astronomy at Harvard University.

Dr. Fred L. Whipple, director of the Astrophysical Observatory at Harvard, cautiously observed that the shot had proved the Soviet Union had made strides in perfecting interstellar guidance equipment.

He said the real impact of the shot might not be known for months until after more data became available.

Raymond Stevens, president of Arthur D. Little, Inc., industrial research company in Cambridge, Mass., scored suggestions the Russians might have triggered their rocket to explode at a given time without actually having hit the moon with it.

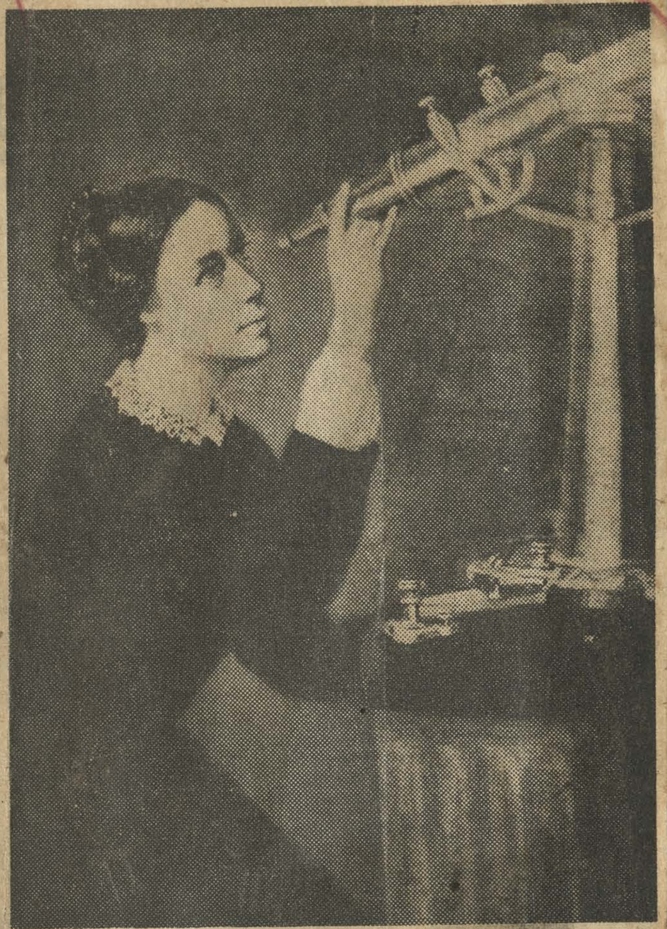
### Previous Accuracy Noted

Whatever political misinformation the Soviet Governments might had out, said Mr. Stevens, "their scientific information has always proved correct."

The academy fellows, their wives and children number 196 in all. They arrived by steamer yesterday and will return to the mainland that way tomorrow.

Before embarking yesterday the pilgrims were the guests of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod. They toured the institution's laboratories and boarded research vessels tied up there. Among these was the Calypso, a French research vessel.

An evening session at the Sea Cliff Inn was devoted to tributes to Maria Mitchell, who discovered a comet through her backyard observatory in 1847.



**HONORED IN NANTUCKET: A painting of Maria Mitchell, done by H. Dassel in 1851. She was the first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Academy is holding a three-day meeting on the island.**

THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1959

# Science and the Sea

Having been told that codfish grunt, it is no shock to learn that whales talk. But it was appropriate for Dr. William E. Schevill to play recordings of whale talk before members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at Nantucket. The island was one of the first places to hear the siren song of the whale and to immortalize itself.

Science has advanced on many fronts in the past decade but none with more exciting results than in oceanography. The sea may yet feed the world; there is no end to its secrets nor its possibilities. Experts are pressing a search for shrimp off the coast of Maine; the habits of edible fish are under constant study.

Here is an area of development that New England should not neglect. The presence of the sea was New England's great advantage in the decades past. It could well be its economic salvation in decades to come.

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# Scientists Sail To Nantucket Meeting Today

About 180 fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences will sail today on an academic voyage to Nantucket.

The Boston based academy, second oldest learned society in the United States, is going to Nantucket at the invitation of the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Assn. and in conjunction with the island's 300th anniversary.

Maria Mitchell, an astronomer, was the first woman to be elected to the academy, 111 years ago.

The fellows will first visit the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution before leaving for Nantucket by boat.

Tonight the group will hear Dr. Mary I. Bunting, dean of Douglass College and president elect of Radcliffe College, talk on the role of women in research and learning.

Other speakers during the three-day meeting include Dr. Paul Dudley White, Dr. Anton F. Brunn, famed Danish oceanographer; Dr. William E. Schevill, research associate in zoology, Harvard, and Dr. John W. Kanwisher, biophysicist at Woods Hole.

Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard geologist, is president of academy. Dr. Jacob Fine is in charge of arrangements.

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# Scientists To Gather At Nantucket

BOSTON, Sept. 8 — Nantucket, currently observing its 300th birthday, will welcome 200 fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, their wives and guests for a combined business and pleasure pilgrimage next week Sunday to Tuesday.

Highlights of the program will include a tour of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

William E. Schevill, research associate in zoology at Harvard, and an associate in oceanography at Woods Hole, will present a talk entitled "Living Whales." Another Woods Hole staff member, John W. Kanwisher, research associate in biophysics, will present a paper on "Temperature Regulation in Whales."

Chairman of the academy's committee on the Nantucket pilgrimage is Dr. Jacob Fine of Beth Israel Hospital. Members assisting are Dr. Paul M. Fye, director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Joseph H. Keenan, head of the Mechanical Engineering Dept, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Roy E. Larson, president, Time, Inc.; C. Richard Soderberg, dean of the Engineering School, M.I.T.; Raymond S. Stevens, president, Arthur D. Little, Inc., and G. Wallace Woodworth, professor of music, Harvard University.

THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1959

## Radcliffe President-Elect Addresses Scientists at Nantucket

# College for Girls at 15, Degree Before Marriage Urged

**By IAN MENZIES**
**Globe Staff Correspondent**

NANTUCKET, Sept. 13—If the bright 15-year-old girl is old enough to "go steady" why shouldn't she go to college at this age and absorb some learning before getting married at about 19 or 20?

This novel but practical suggestion to combat the ever younger age at which girls marry was put before the American Academy of Arts and Scieces here tonight by Dr. Mary I. Bunting, mother of four children and president-elect of Radcliffe College.

**Dr. Bunting, currently dean of Douglass College, Rutgers University, believes that, as girls mature faster than boys and are equally bright, they could move from high school to college earlier and complete their education before marriage.**

She also asked the academy if they had really made efforts "to encourage and assist the woman who wishes to continue her education or carry on research during the decade in which she is bringing up children and has heavy responsibilities at home."

In addition she asked if teachers, parents and others have really tried "to develop in our girls the curiosity and non-conformity, the interest in finding out that leads to research."

And what about giving guidance to the 30-year-old mother whose children are now all at school?

### Honor Maria Mitchell

Dr. Bunting was addressing the opening session of a three-day meeting of the academy on Nantucket on the theme, "Women in Research and Learning," an appropriate one, as the academy has selected Nantucket for the conference to honor island-born Maria Mitchell. She was the first woman fellow of the academy (1818 to 1889), internationally known astronomer and teacher at Vassar College who did much to prove that science was a field open to women as well as men.

The academy meeting also marks the conclusion of Nantucket's tercentennary celebration which began July 2.

For the fellows of the Academy, all internationally known in the sciences and humanities, the three-day meeting has been aptly named an academic voyage.

**The day began with a morning visit to Wood's Hole oceanographic institution, where Dr. Paul M. Fye, director, greeted the more than 180 members of the Boston based Academy, their wives, children and guests. Dr. Kirtley Mather, Harvard geologist and president of the Academy, also was on hand to greet arriving fellows.**

A tour of the Woods Hole research vessel, Atlantis, and of the French research vessel, Calypso, skippered by the famous underwater explorer, Jacques Y. Cousteau followed.

Dr. Fye pointed out that oceanographers were doing the best they could with very little limited funds. The heavy money today is heading toward the moon and not to learning more about our own earth and ocean with their many unsolved mysteries he said.

In beautiful sunshine and calm seas, the academicians then sailed for the island on the S.S. Nantucket, especially chartered for the trip.

Whales will be the subject of talks tomorrow by Dr. Paul Dudley White, whale hunter as well as heart consultant to President Eisenhower.

### Raps Conformity

In her address, Dr. Bunting decried the fact that more than half of the top quarter of high school graduates do not continue to college and "most of those who drop out are girls."

The incoming Radcliffe president who takes office next September, was critical of the growing trend of conformity among girls—Maria Mitchell was an exception, she said.

"A core of non-conformity is essential to new thinking," she said.

"Here it seems to me is where our married women scholars have not seized their advantage by a proper choice of subjects; namely ones off the beaten path."

Dr. Bunting, however, did not feel that women in this country would advance in the sciences through any new type suffregette movement, but rather through a change in society toward education as a whole.

"Why is it," she asked, "that our college men prefer wives without too much learning?

"And why have so many of our distinguished scientists been educated abroad?

"A society gets the kind of excellence (in education) it values . . . and have we cared?

**"Scholarship and the search for truth are rewarding to society and to the individual and each individual has a right to participate in the search, this includes women," said Dr. Bunting.**

"However," she concluded, "I have come to the conclusion that these assumptions are not generally held in this country.

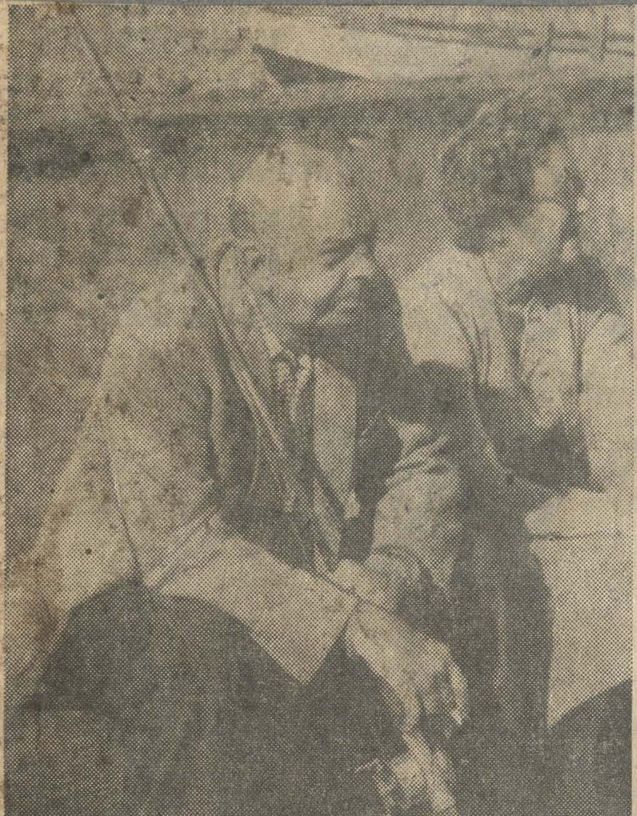
"If we really believed in education and democracy, would not our attitudes and practices with respect to women's education and women's opportunities, whatever their capabilities and handicaps, be very different?

"Our prejudices concerning women are symptoms of a far more serious disease."

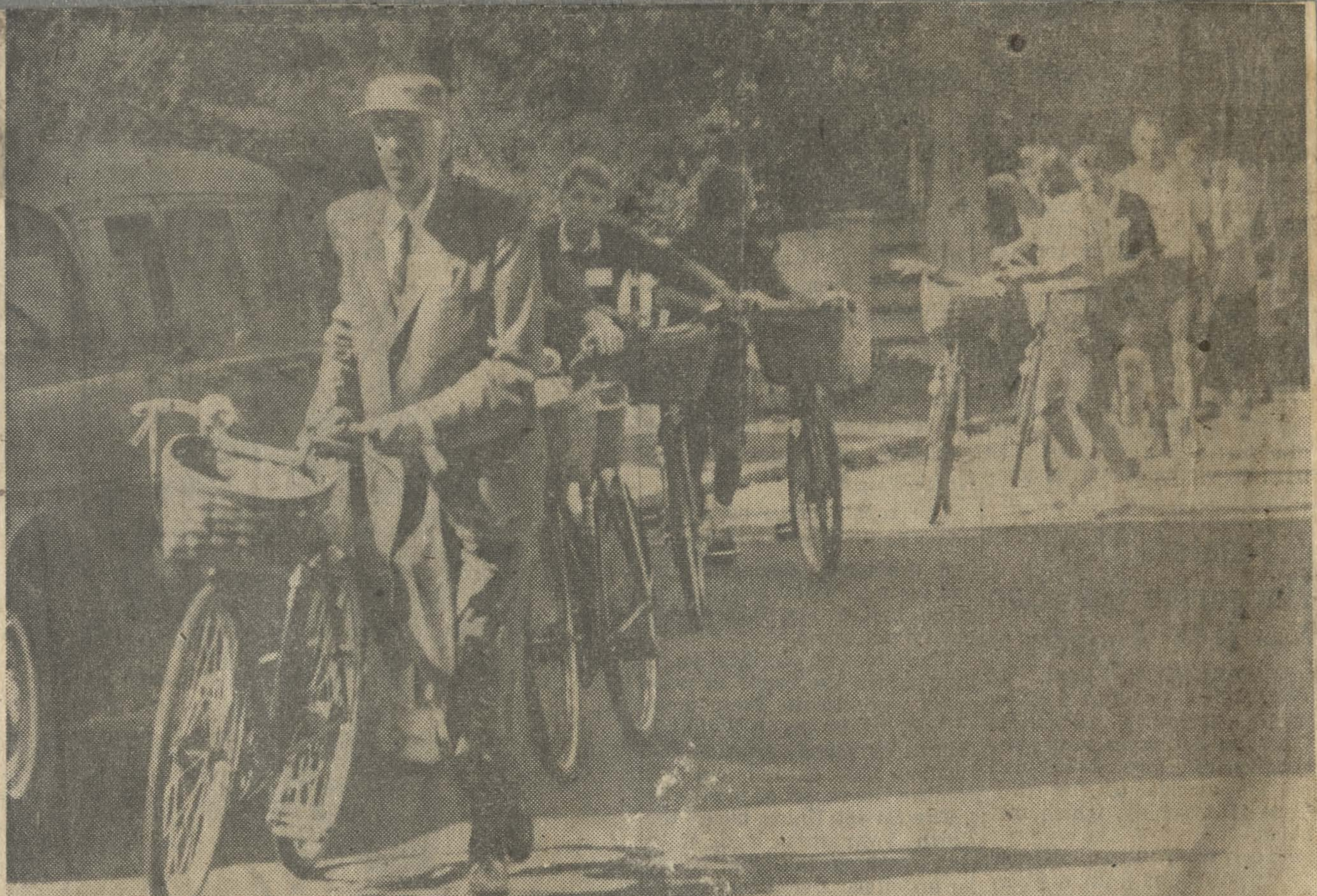
The overwhelmingly male fellows of the Academy applauded vigorously.

THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1959

# It Was a Gay Day



AFTER SOME FISHING, Harvard's Prof. Louis F. Fieser and Mrs. Fieser sat on a log and relaxed.



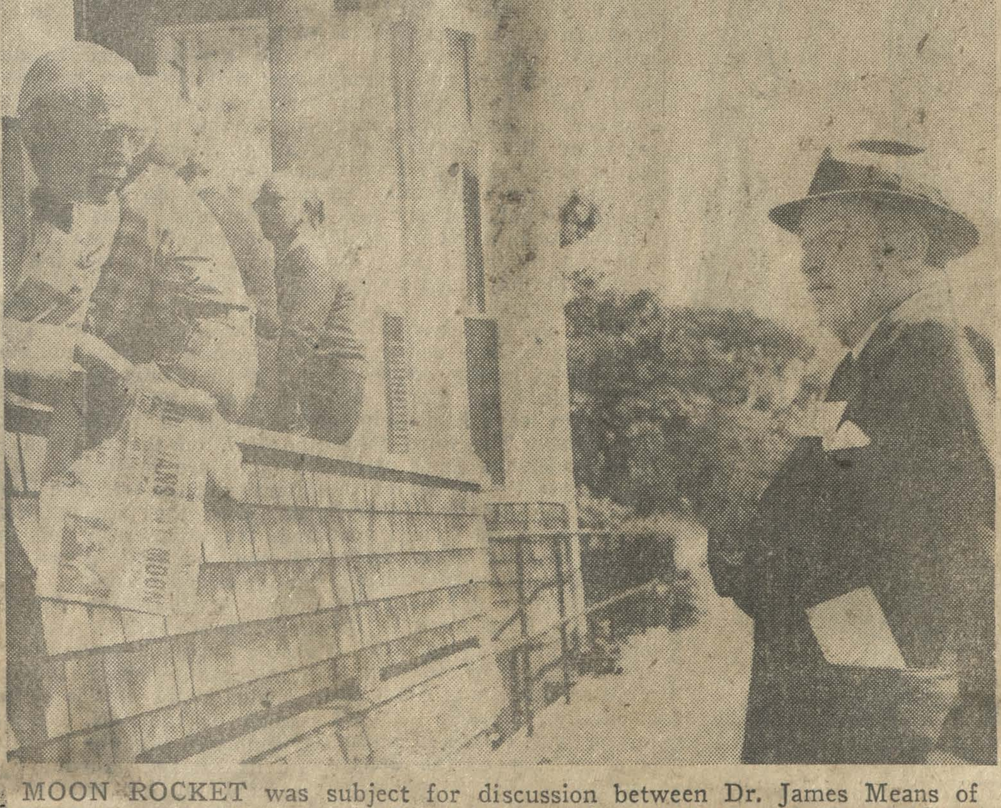
DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE LED 12-MILE BICYCLE TOUR OF THE ISLAND

ACADEMY'S PRESIDENT, Dr. Kirtley Mather of Harvard, recorded the historical tour with camera.

IN CASE HE WAS WEARY—Dr. Fred Whipple may have been making arrangements for hansom cab driver Victor Brown to pick him up if bicycle tour proved too much of a grind.

# for Academy of Arts and Sciences

BUSHY-BEARDED CHARLIE SALES TOOK GUESTS ON HISTORICAL TOUR



MOON ROCKET was subject for discussion between Dr. James Means of Massachusetts General Hospital, who leans on porch railing, and Harvard's Dr. Harlow Shapley. Latter drew good-natured jeers for quitting hike, thumbing ride home.

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By
GIL FRIEDBERG

## They Explore Nantucket

NANTUCKET—Boston men of science and letters went sporting here during this week's meetings of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Fifty year olds gaily climbed on biiycles and went tottsing off to explore the highways and byways of Nantucket, led by the dean of bicyclists, Dr. Paul Dudley White — heart consultant extraordinary when he's not cycling or walking in New Hampshire.

**It was exploration day for the more than 200 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences who are holding a briny three-day conclave on the island.**

About 40 took ov with Dr. White on a 12-mile bicycle tour, though not all made the full distance and a few were sitting rather gingerly tonight.

Another 40 went harbor exploring with bushy-bearded Charlie Sales, the island's famous model worker who does beautiful ship replicas in wood and earrings and other knick-knacks in ivory.

**The harbor group strolled gaily down Easy st., learned of the old narrow gauge railroad that once was, of the whaling ships that used to be "cameled" over the bar, of sail lofts and quarterboards and famous ships.**

Some took short cuts, somehow Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer emeritus, managed to thumb a ride, only to be greeted by boos from the walkers.

The group were entertained at the headquarters of the famous Wharf Rats—where no seats are reserved for the mighty—amid a tangle of ship pennants, nets, old pictures, and more quarter-boards bearing the names of famous schooners and brigantines.

**Dr. Jacob Fine, surgeon-in-chief, Beth Israel Hospital, and head of the arrangements committee for the island visit, held forth beside the pot-bellied stove in Wharf Rat headquarters with a typically Yankee story pertaining to a relative of the present commodore, Marcus Ramsdell.**

Dr. Fine was well abe to do so, being a Wharf Rat himself and a former practitioner on the island. Dr. James Howard Means of Massachusetts General Hospital also revealed at this session that Nantucket was not exactly new to him.

**Other fellows of the Academy took tours of Nantucket's churches—the morning meeting on whales was held in the Unitarian Church. While still others went over the Whaling Museum, the old houses and trim gardens, or the Maria Mitchell Observatory.**

Dr. Kirtley Mather, Harvard geologist emeritus and president of the academy, spent most of his time recording these events on film.

THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1959

## Snaky Forecast From Nantucket

# *180 Ft. Sea Serpent May Exist, Arts-Sciences Academy Told*

**By IAN MENZIES**
**Globe Staff Reporter**

NANTUCKET, Sept. 14—Sea serpents are for real. And when one is caught it may run anywhere from 60 to 180 feet in length.

This snaky forecast, giving credence to the legendary tales of sea serpents, was made before 200 fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences tonight by Dr. Torben Wolff, curator of the Zoological Museum, University of Copenhagen.

Maintaining the oceanic flavor of the conference, the Danish marine biologist said that Dr. Anton Bruun, also of Copenhagen University, had caught a six-foot eel larva west of Capetown.

The American grass eel in this larva stage is about two to three inches long, but can grow to three to six feet.

**Dr. Wolff said it is not ridiculous to speculate that the six-foot eel larva caught by Dr. Bruun could grow to more than 60 feet and even reach 180 feet, because no one knows if the Capetown eel had reached even full larva growth when caught.**

All reports of sea monsters, said Dr. Wolff, place the eel as the most likely candidate to fit the serpentine description.

But these animals will not be found at great depths. The Capetown eel was caught in 200 feet of water.

The reason they are not deeper, said Dr. Wolff, is that they require enormous quantities of food for their size and this food is not available at great depths.

The first sea serpent, he believes, may well be caught off Peru — which is most prolific in sea life—with a huge hook baited with squid.

(Although giving credence to the possibility of sea monsters, Dr. Bruun has previously stated that he could not accept the story of the Scottish Loch Ness monster. He doubts there is sufficient food in a Scottish loch to sustain such a monster.)

### Marine Life 34,000 Ft. Down

Both doctors took part in the two-year world cruise of the Danish research vessel, Galathea, in 1950-52 when they explored life in the abysmal depths below 25,000 feet.

**Dr. Wolff told the assembled scientists, meeting at Sea Cliff Inn, that they had found marine life at the tremendous depth of 34,000 feet in the Philippine Trench (a deep fissure in the sea bottom).**

There were no fish at that depth—the deepest fish were at 22,000 feet—but there were small crustacea and one bivalve.

This proved for the first time that marine animals could live below 22,000 feet, the limit previously set by scientists.

The researchers also dispelled the belief that fish at 22,000 feet are monstrosities. Actually, said Dr. Wolff, there are queerer looking fish nearer the surface.

### The Century's Find

He pointed out that at lower depths the water is actually warmer, being deeper in the earth's crust, than it is at about 12,000 feet—the coldest depth.

He said the average depth of the ocean is 11,000 feet.

**One of the most significant findings of the Danish group was the discovery of a limpet-like snail off Costa Rica in the Pacific at 11,000 feet.**

This snail's closest relative became extinct 350 million years ago. The coelacanth, or so-called fossil-fish, captured about two years ago, dates back only 80 million years.

This snail, said Dr. Wolff, was segmented, each piece being exactly like the other—the whole body repeated many times over.

This discovery can mean much in understanding evolution. The limpet-like snail—10 were retrieved — has been named Neopilina.

**In certain quarters this discovery has been termed "the most wonderful zoological finding of the century."**

## cientists Make Recordings of Underwater Voices

# Whales Talk to Each Other, Expert Finds

By IAN MENZIES
Globe Staff Correspondent

ANTUCKET, Sept. 14—ales talk to each other; in t they border on being un-water magpies.

And in case anyone doubts s, Dr. William E. Schevill recordings to prove it, re-dings he played this morn- before fellows of the erican Academy of Arts l Sciences, who are holding three-day academic retreat the island.

he whales make clicking nds, sometimes squeal.

he Woods Hole scientist s not treading on such dan-ous water as it might seem, king about whales in the ne of whaling.

**He readily admitted that l-time whalers knew of the lk" and there is more than e record of a whaling skip- locating whales by this thod.**

**What he has really produced is the first confirmation that the whales do talk to each other.**

He captured proof by the hard method of going out and looking for the whales and then recording the noise on hydrophones, plus spending a lot of time in a pool with a captive porpoise—a small whale.

Dr. Schevill believes the whales actually use the sounds both for communicating to each other and as an echo sounder for navigational purposes. He has proved the latter theory in at least one case.

In other words, he says, the whale is not unlike the bat in sending out a sound signal to guide it around.

It does have eyes, but experiments have shown that signals would not always be sufficient for getting around in murky waters.

For the Academy fellows, their wives and guests it was a whale of a morning.

### Heartbeat of Whales

Not only was there Dr. Schevill's talk, but Dr. Paul Dudley White spoke on the heartbeat of whales, and Dr. John W. Canwisher another Wood's Hole scientist, on the temperature regulation in whales.

He answered the question why whales don't freeze to death; evidently because they have a special blood-return system where the veins returning the blood to the heart are kept warmer by lying closer to the main artery taking the blood out.

While this special Nantucket conference has been pretty salty, considering the many scientists represented in the famed Boston-based academy, Dr. Kirtley Mather, president, explained that the effectiveness of this meeting is in allowing scientists and humanists to get together and discuss where this mad world is

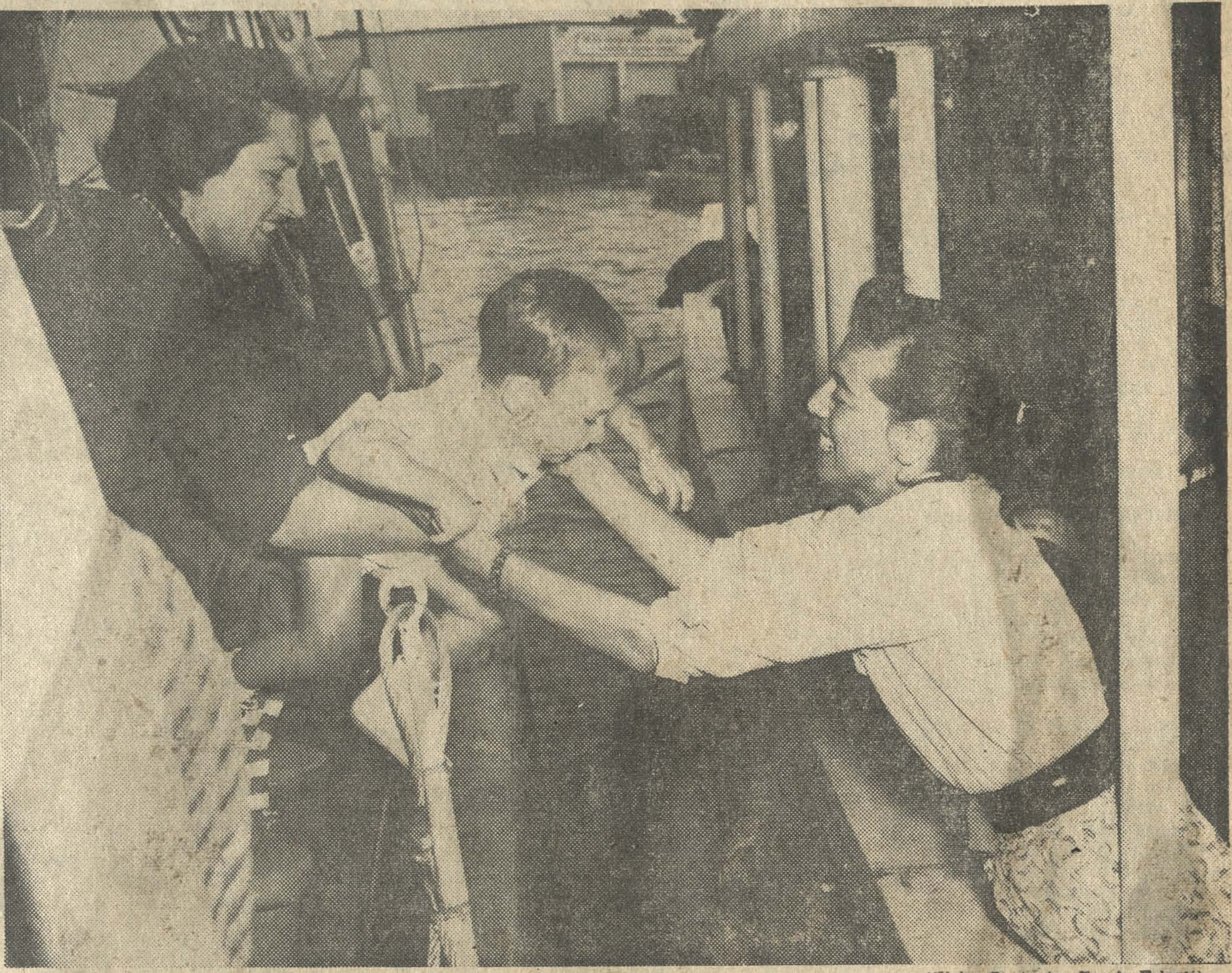
One of the reasons for the trip was sentimental and historical: to honor Maria Mitchell, famous 19th century astronomer and first woman fellow of the Academy, who was born on Nantucket and made several of her astronomical discoveries from her father's observatory here before going on to teach at Vassar College.

### Meaning for Man

"What is the significance for mankind of the totality of all the wondrous and rapid advances in knowledge?" said Dr. Mather. "What do all the marvellous powers and possibilities open to man, whether it be atomic physics, the psychology or chemistry of emotion, the social institutions, the moral law, or whatever—what do all these new understandings and power taken together as a whole, mean for man and his future?

"Just as the operations of the atomic engineer might be disastrous if he was not informed about what biologists of the dangers to human genetics (the current fear of fallout) so may any human enterprise be dangerous if not properly informed by a wisdom that integrates the facts and concepts in all areas of learning about reality of which we have knowledge.

**"One of the chief values of the three-day meeting of the Academy, though unscheduled, is to be found in the very act of bringing together for this period a group of many leaders from many different disciplines of learning, to rub elbows, to talk informally, to look out through windows provided by experts in other fields (oceanography) to gain insight and a new perspective on what our total culture looks like and what this insight implies for man and his future."**



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ATLANTIS TO CALYPSO—The easy way to get from one research ship to another is traversed by David Wilkins, as he is passed by mother to a friend on the neighboring ship.

(Globe Photo by Frank Falacci)

SEASIDE CHAT—Dr. Edwin B. Wilson, professor emeritus at Harvard, and Dr. Dirk Brouwer, director of the Yale Observatory, chat on dock at Woods Hole before embarking for A.A.A.S. conference on Nantucket.

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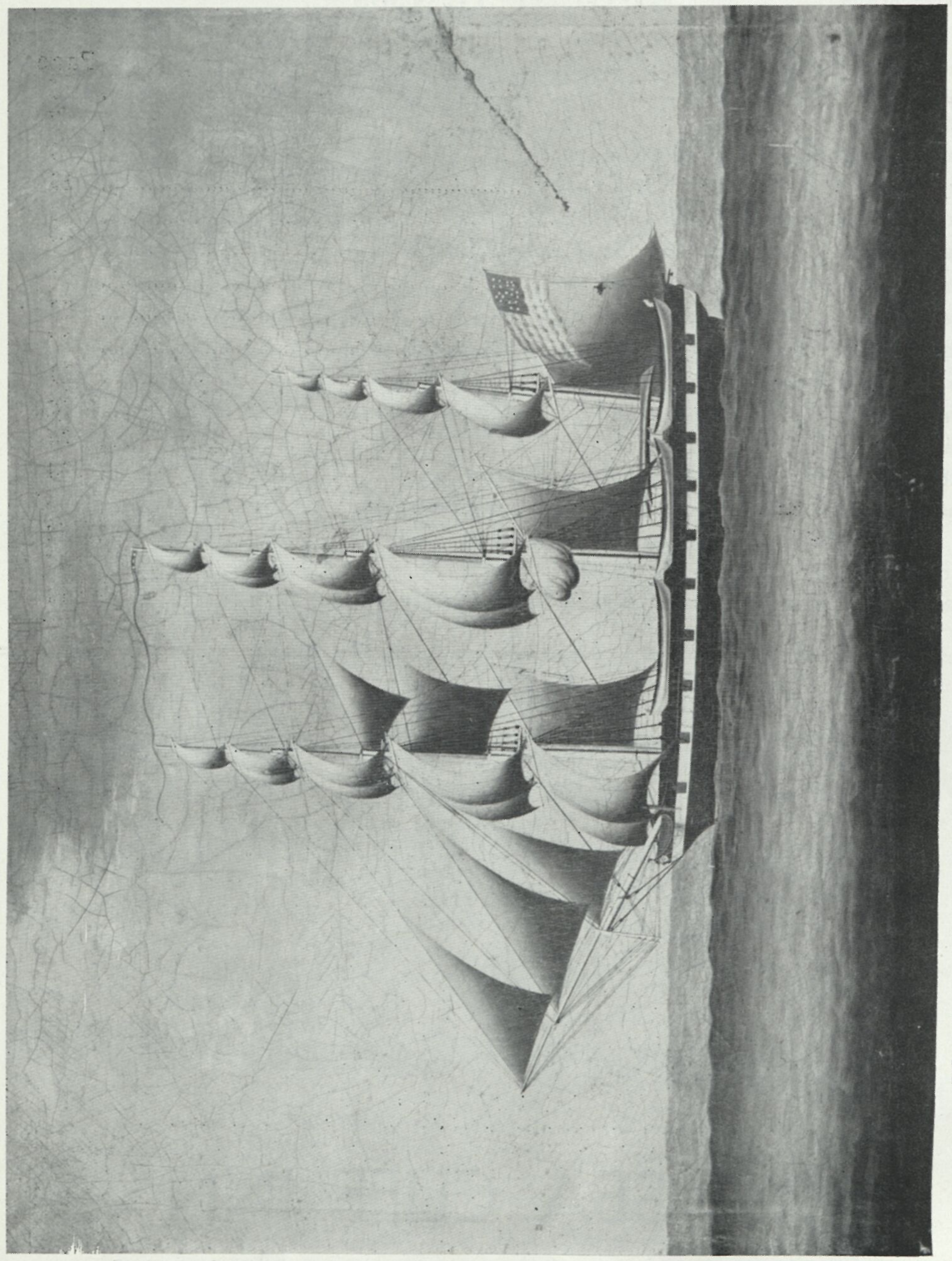

**The Nantucket Whaleship "Henry Astor" sailed the seven seas — 1850**

*This space contributed by the Gordon Folger Hotel*

## NANTUCKET CELEBRATIONS

"Hark, hark,
I hear Billy Clark
A-tooting from the tower,
He sees the boat
And she's afloat
And she'll be here in an hour."

So wrote W. D. Woodward a long time ago.

Many years have passed away since Billy Clark's call has been heard in our streets, but at the time of Nantucket's first great Celebration, the Coffin Reunion in 1881, he was on hand as a prominent feature of that occasion when the native and adopted members of that clan to the number of over 500 made island history.

But that was not the first celebration! Years before that, in the days of whaling and sheep raising, when Blind Frank the Harper played his rather mysterious,

"'Tis tu I can't and tu I can,
All the way to shearing pen",

people flocked to the island for the Sheep Shearing Festivals. They were gay and colorful affairs and caused many staid Quakers and Quakeresses to shake their heads doubtfully.

1695 — 1795 — 1895

was the slogan for the Centennial and Bicentennial of 1895. In 1695 Nantucket County was incorporated and in 1795 the name of the town was changed from Sherborne to its present name, Nantucket. The two events were thought worthy of celebration and the local paper reported, "It was an unusual week of rejoicing, festivity, love and good will to all mankind." A most laudable achievement!

The observation of the Tercentenary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was celebrated on the island by a mammoth parade with many floats illustrating phases of Nantucket history from the time of the Indians. This took place in 1930.

The first of our famous Main Street Fetes was held in 1921. It was such an outstanding success that it was repeated in 1923, 1925 and 1927. In 1929 the location was changed and the Fete was held on Old North Wharf and Easy Street. These Fetes were for the benefit of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital and to them we owe in large measure our present modern up-to-date hospital of which we are so proud and for which we are so grateful. Many visitors from the mainland were attracted to these affairs and they were very successful financially.

This booklet describes the plans for our latest and most ambitious Celebration, the 300th Anniversary of the settlement of the Island by white men. Committees have been working busily for many months and family reunions of many leading Nantucket families bear the names of those white men of 1659.

Read this carefully, participate in as many of the events as possible, enjoy it all to the utmost and urge your friends to do the same!

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*South Side*

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78. Warland House: Yard quilting party.

82. Chase House: Costumed scenes of whaling days.

84. Gifford House: Tableaux; Gifts, aprons and takers.

86. Matteson House: Costumed groups.

88. Hardy House: Tableaux.

*Traders Lane*

Exhibition of Nantucket Industries, *Fishing, Cranberries, the Vacation* "Industry".

90. Stark House: People in costumes.

92. Halsey House: Tableaux.

94. Chambliss House: Tea Party on porch.

*1 Pleasant Street*

Luncheon

98. Ditmars House; Nantucket Handicrafts, scenes from 1850.

100. Boyd House: Tableaux.

*North Side*

75. Carlisle House: Cent School in yard.

77. Mitchell House: Tableaux.

81. Menges House: Group on porch; Christmas table in yard.

83. Hamilton House: Tableaux.

*Winter Street*

Coffin School: Chowder Bowl, Candy tables; *Square Dancing, Community Orchestra* strings.

85. Elder House: Costumed scenes on porch.

87. Varney House: Open; Atheneum Book Stall.

89. Marshall House: Costumed group.

91. Riddell House: Open.

93. Evans House: Tableaux.

95. Freeman House: Three generations of Starbuck Family, direct descendants, enacting scenes from 1850.

99. Harris House: (A Macy House), Open.

105. Kilvert House: Open.

109. Huneker House: Open.

111. Sibley House. Open.

DO NOT MISS the Quaker Lady with baby in cradle; the returning Whaling Captain greeted by his family; the Old Humane Society rescue crew in their boat; Color pictures of Nantucket.

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## CELEBRATING NANTUCKET'S

## 300TH ANNIVERSARY

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The talk of the Town for many months was: 1959 will be Nantucket's 300th anniversary. Once the Whaling center of the World, and a Quaker stronghold for many years, its history is unique, incomparable! The celebration must be a proper one.

Then came a committee. Mr. George Jones, a seafaring, native Nantucketer agreed to become Chairman and at once started the machinery; wheels within wheels began to turn slowly but surely.

The Main street Fete Revival Committee came into being as a must for this celebration. There were soon four sponsoring organizations The Nantucket Atheneum, The Hospital Thrift Shop, The Nantucket Historical Association, and the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, the only group which has organized and sponsored a yearly Fete, agreed to participate and undertake the major responsibility for this gala event.

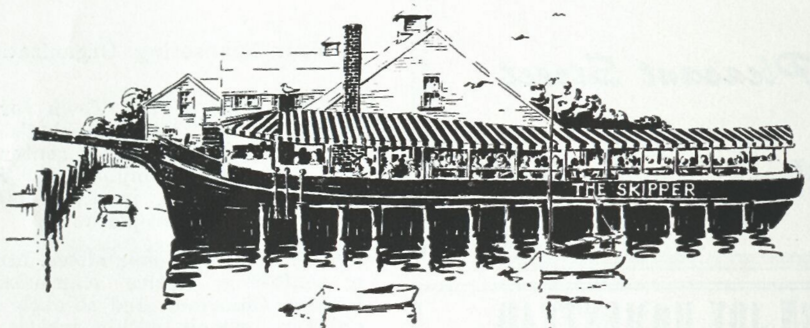
Mrs. Allen Backus agreed to become general Chairman and first called together the representatives from all of the organizations in September 1958. Plans were made, committees formed and by the December meeting the program was making headway. Historic Old houses were to be opened and host and hostesses were to be costumed as in the heyday of the Whaling era when graceful dress and elegant furnishings flourished. Wallace Hall would be open for exhibits of Nantucket handicrafts and paintings, including many Nantucket primitives and Old Ships. For the amusement of young and old members of the Community Orchestra would furnish music and Square Dancing would hold sway for those who wished to participate. Gay and colorful pageants would depict Nantucket historic days.

All this and also many tables of Nantucket souvenirs such as hand made "takers", home made candy and jellies, and luscious food could be purchased.

Long before 1959 had arrived the Main Street Fete was a sure and festive event!

The 1959 Fete has much to live up to. The 1959 Fete must compete with those hugely successful Fetes held in the years 1923, 1925, 1927, and 1935. All of these Fetes benefited the Nantucket Cottage Hospital and were supported so generously and enjoyed by so many they have become an outstanding tradition of the best and gayest of Nantucket's celebrations.

Our 1959 Fete benefits the four sponsoring organizations, and celebrates Nantucket's 300th Birthday; a great day in the Island's unique and distinguished history. **Please help us make it a Whale of a success!**



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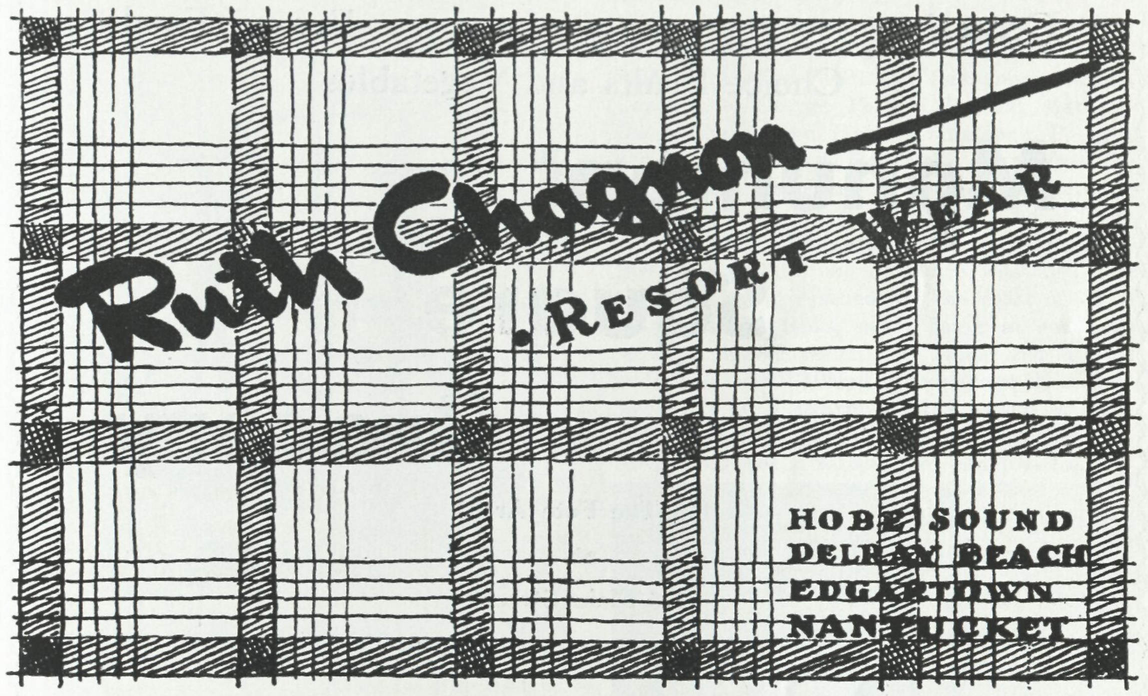

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## SHIP MODELS

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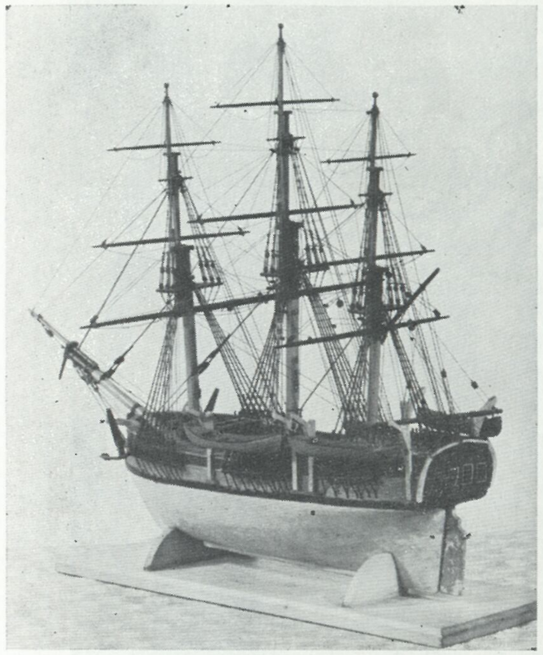

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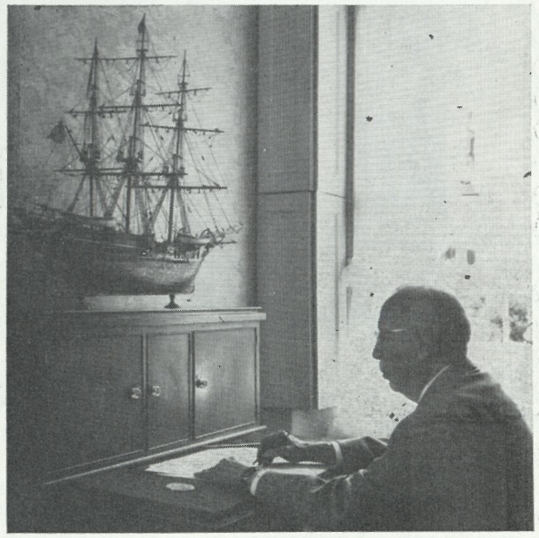
There are many ship models on this Island, but those of Nantucket whaleships are rare.

Our illustration shows the model made by William Meader of Nantucket, in 1765, when a boy who later became a Nantucket whaleship captain.

This is claimed to be by far the oldest known American whaleship model. The rigging was much damaged by the passage of time and was restored by the distinguished Nantucket model maker, Charles Sayle, in association with Nikito Carpenko, also of Nantucket.

The whaleship Essex of Nantucket, here illustrated is a ¼ inch scale model of the ship, made by the famous model maker, Captain H. Percy Ashley. The Essex, after being fitted out at Nantucket, sailed on her final voyage to the Pacific Ocean August 12, 1819, with a crew of 20 men for an intended two and a half years cruise, with the following officers: Captain — George Pollard Jr.; 1st Mate — Owen Chase; 2nd Mate — Matthew P. Joy; 3rd Mate — Obed Hendricks. November 20, 1820, near the Equator, in mid-Pacific, the ship was twice rammed and stove by a large sperm whale. The captain and crew escaped in three open boats, one of which was lost. The other two were rescued off the coast of Chile with five survivors, after being at sea over 90 days, during which they sailed and drifted over 3000 miles. During their voyage three men were left on a nearby barren island at their own request and they were subsequently rescued. Both boats resorted to cannibalism.



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*Mr. Crosby at his desk in his Nantucket home with the model of the Essex by Captain H. Percy Ashley. This picture first appeared in the April 1944 issue of National Geographic Magazine. The ill-fated Essex was the inspiration for Melville's Moby Dick.*

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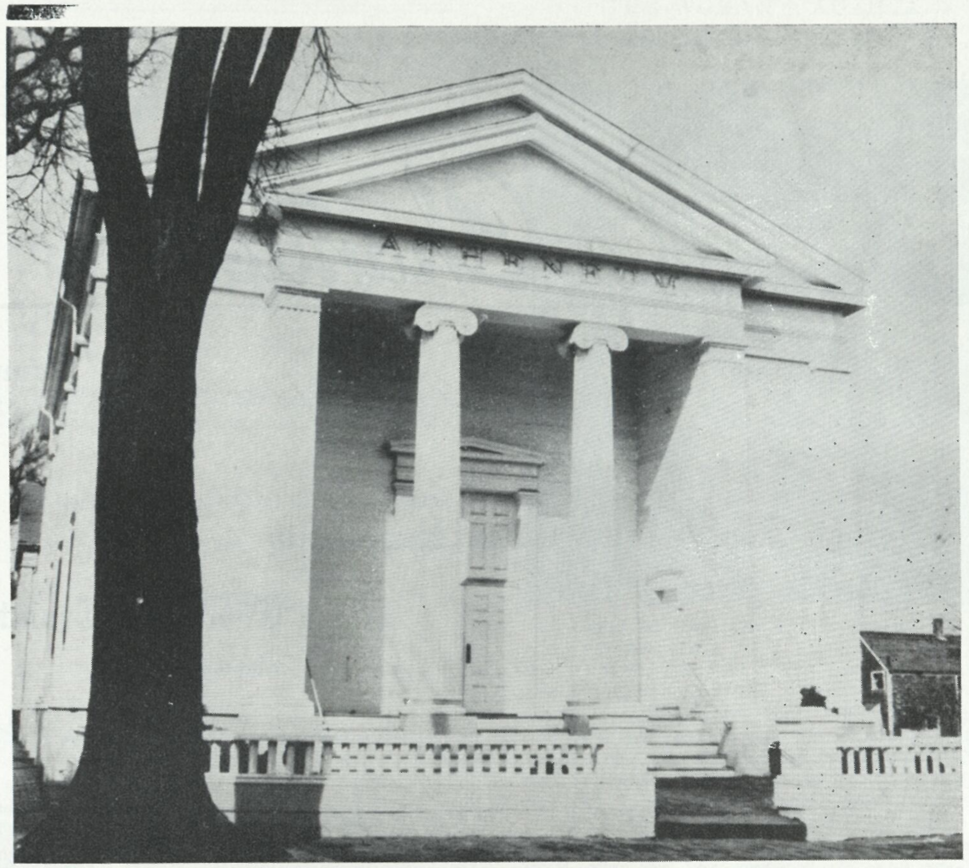

## The Nantucket Atheneum

When six young men met in 1820 to found a library with the imposing name "THE NANTUCKET MECHANICS SOCIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION", they could not have visualized that their organization with its 26 volumes would eventually become the Nantucket Atheneum.

One hundred thirteen years ago the original building of the Atheneum, with all its contents, was destroyed by the Great Fire of 1846. Only a few days after the fire, when the huge area between Main and Broad Streets was a smoking heap of ashes, William Mitchell, President, with the help of his daughter, Maria, Librarian, called a meeting and proposed that a new building be built immediately, and books be requested from Nantucket people and their friends.

The present beautiful structure was built in six months in the midst of great disorder, and is a perennial monument to the courage and vision of the forward-looking men and women who built it.

On the One Hundredth Anniversary of dedication of the building — incidentally Ralph Waldo Emerson gave a series of six lectures at this dedication — a Committee for the Preservation and Improvement of the Atheneum was formed. It was the work of this Committee, and the generous financial support of friends, which led to the physical preservation and improvement of the Library that has taken place in the past few years. The program set up has been carried out except for two things: a fireproof walk-in vault and a sprinkler system. The immediate project is the vault.

Today Nantucket is proud that the Atheneum is the oldest structure built as a library and still used as one in Massachusetts. It is equally proud that this magnificent Greek-revival building, now housing 45,000 volumes, is as modern a library as a devoted staff operating on a limited budget can make it.

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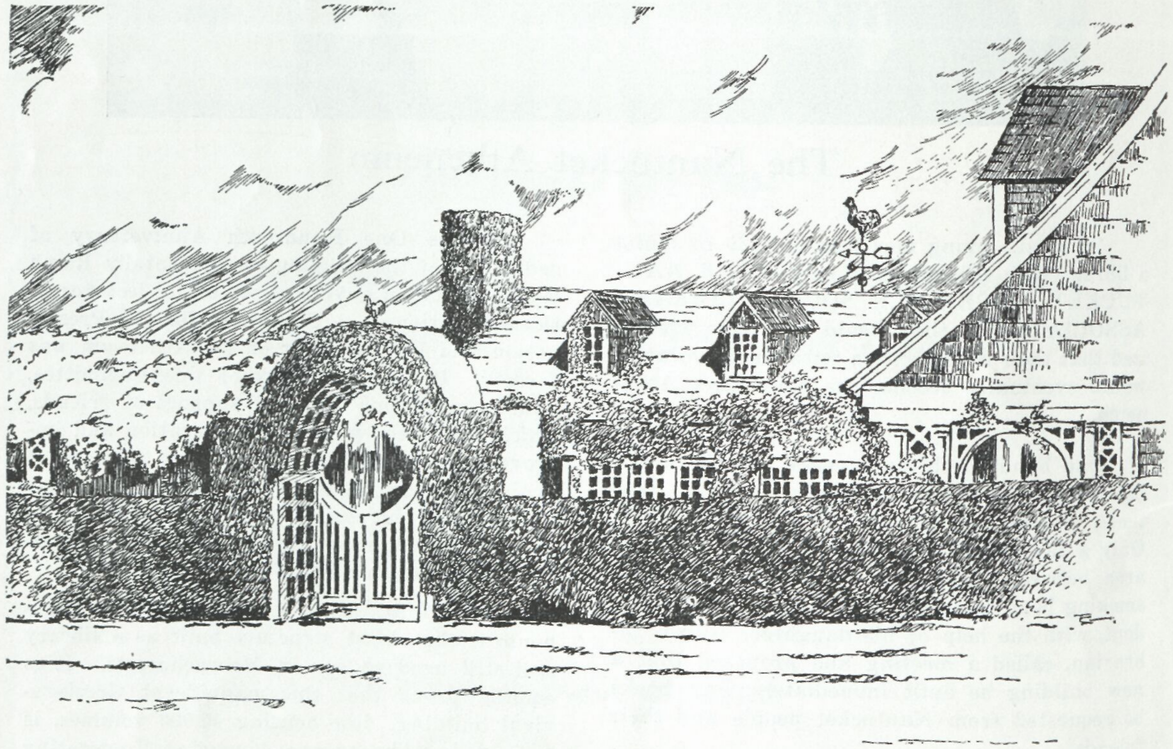

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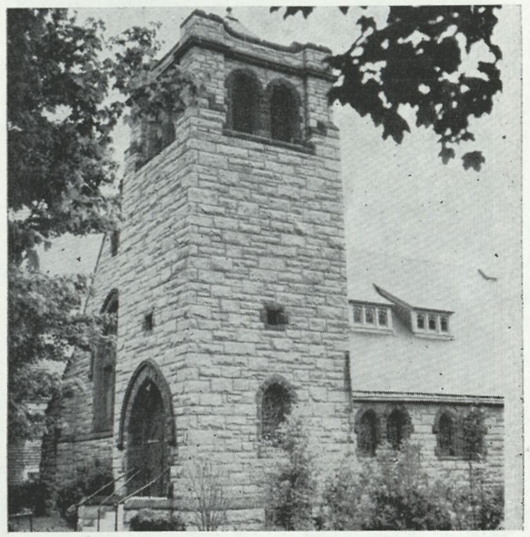

Prior to 1954 the money raised at an annual summer fete held by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church contributed towards the support of the current budget of the Church; underwrote such vital expenses as a new heating system for the Church; completely renovated and redecorated the Chapel; and also met requests for contributions for many causes on both local and national levels.

In 1954 the residence of Rose Ring Forbes at 14 Fair Street, adjoining the Church property, was on the market. It was the logical site for the Church's Parish House. The Woman's Auxiliary, therefore, gave a substantial sum of money to the Vestry making possible the initial payment for the purchase of this house and land. The old Parish House at 61 Main Street was subsequently sold.

Since then thru proceeds of its August festival the Auxiliary has gradually renovated and redecorated most of the new Parish House. Each year has seen its broadening use on a community level. Housing the rector's office; providing Sunday School classrooms; meeting rooms for the Church organizations and interdenominational Prayer Group is only part of the use to which this house is put.

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In addition to this the Parish House is made available for consistent and free use to non-church organizations. It is the headquarters for Alcoholics Anonymous which uses its living room and kitchen facilities weekly. It serves as an occasional meeting place for the S.P.C.C.; the annual Red Cross tea-meeting; it serves as a studio for two community art classes. Until the numbers exceeded our capacity it housed a Girl Scout troup. Its rooms are in frequent demand by various other community organizations and groups for special meetings.

The rector and parish take great satisfaction in maintaining the Parish House for the benefit of all that is worthwhile in the community and practice consistently the "open door" policy.

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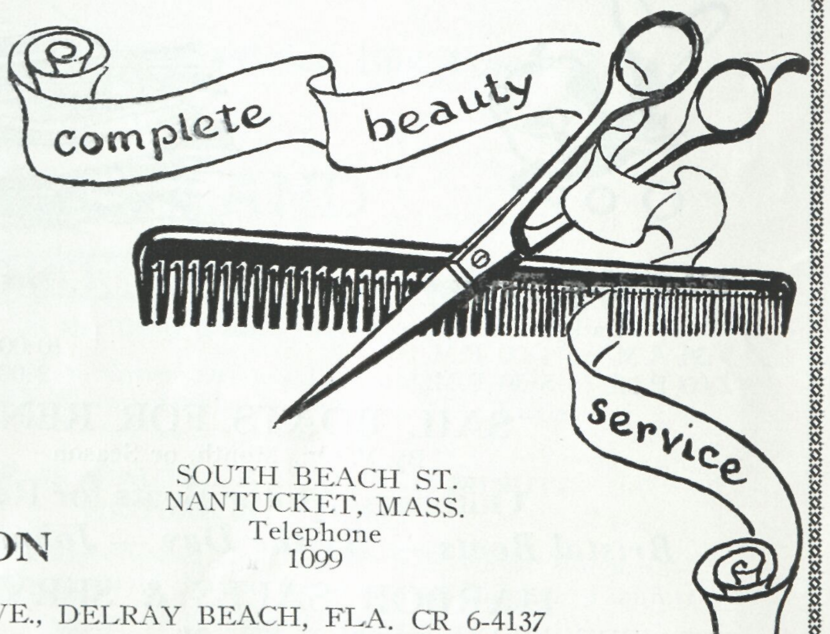

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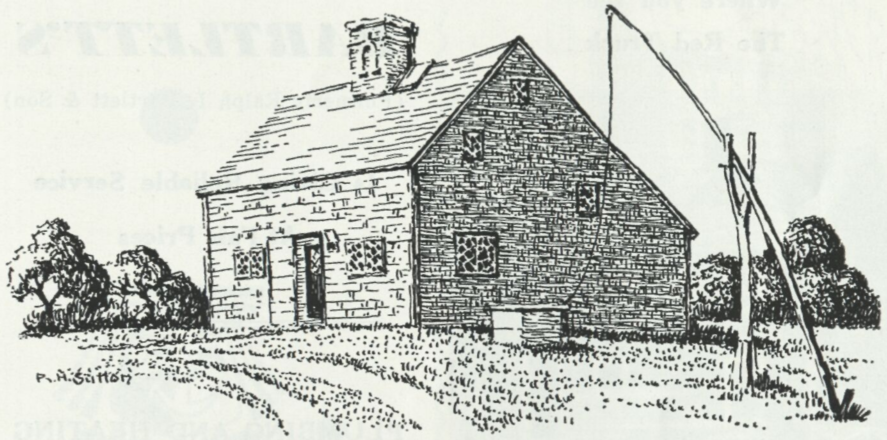

"Our heritage gained by brawn and toil, guided by faith, vision and courage" has described the pioneer spirit and character which built and left to posterity many an American community. It can be pertinently applied to Nantucket; we might even say that the original few who built this "small grain of sand" into a flourishing town, into the whaling center of the world, with indomitable courage against unimaginable odds were unique in the history and heritage they have left.

Needless to say the Nantucket Historical Association is dedicated to the task of retaining and maintaining every vestige of the heroic past which contributes to the general as well as the personal interest of a large number of individuals and gives this Island its proper place in history.

Some of the objectives which the Fete funds will help materialize are: A library where the books and records may be suitably displayed, catalogued, and studied, one of the old fire houses which abound in fact and folklore might be restored; a true Quaker home, the Elihu Coleman house overlooking the moors in Sherburne is now for sale; it is one of Nantucket's most interesting historical spots, built in 1722, is of great interest; the Quaker Burying Ground and Old North Cemetery, where family records may be found on stones which are in need of repair and resetting, are of great historical significance, and last but by no means least, the many beautiful portraits of whaling captains, their wives and daughters, require special care by skilled artists to save them for the next generation.

The Main Street Fete on August 11, will also help the Historical Association maintain the Oldest House, the Mill, the Old Jail, the 1800 House, the Whaling Museum, the Friends Meeting House and Museum on Fair Street, and the many beautiful as well as interesting relics from the past for your enjoyment. The annual dues of $2.00 admits you to one and all and also gives you copies of the quarterly "Historic Nantucket." All are welcome.

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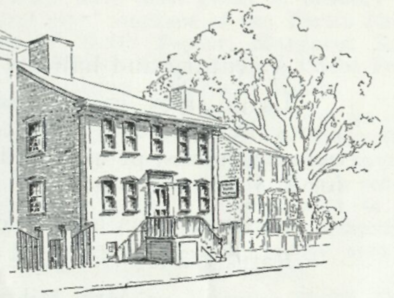

The Hospital Thrift Shop, along with the town, celebrates an anniversary this Summer. It *marks the completion of thirty years in business.* Through good years and bad the Shop has struggled on until now it holds an unique position in the town. One often hears the remark, "I'll send it to the Thrift Shop"! And you may be sure that what you don't want someone else does.

The first year was started in a small way in the home on Liberty street which is now the home of Mrs. George Christian. When that house was sold the Shop moved to where the present Post Office is located. In a few years another move to the Sanford House was made, and then another to 6 Union street, and finally when that house was sold and we moved to 24 Broad street, the Trustees decided it was time the Thrift Shop had a permanent and more adequate place to do business. So it was on October 31, 1945 that they were successful in buying their present home at 17 India street.

As the years come and go and business ever increases even this spacious house seems too small and there is now talk of an addition in the offing. When the house was purchased the windows were not in keeping with the rest of the old house so friends of the Shop each gave a twelve pane window until there were fifteen new windows.

In its thirty years the Shop has been most fortunate in having two very capable managers. Mrs. Warren Austin carried on for 22 years until her health prevented her working longer. The Committee was then able to secure the services of Mrs. M. W. Rogers who is able and willing, with the help of fifty-five Volunteer Workers, to carry on the business. Without these faithful Volunteers the Shop would not exist.

Through the years the Committee has been able to give Nantucket Cottage Hospital a gift of money each year. In September 1953, $10,000 was pledged to the Hospital Building Fund and paid in full in 1954. To date the gifts have reached the amazing amount of $113,102.50.

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## WHEN WHALE WAS KING

By Frank B. Gilbreth Jr.

Whale was king on Nantucket for the better part of two centuries.

More than fifty years before Paul Revere's ride, Nantucketers were sailing all the way up to the Arctic Circle in search of whales. Shortly after the Revolutionary War, the Quaker sea captains were doubling the Horn, pursuing their prey into the uncharted vastness of the Pacific.

Whaling involved more discomforts and called for more daring than any other adventurous job — short of war and piracy — the world has ever known.

Nantucket Quakers, who were conscienscious objectors to war, were the best whalers on earth.

Nantucketers sailed their tubby, bluff-bowed little ships to any place on the globe where they suspected there might be whales. Their prey was the biggest animal on earth, and their weapons were as primitive as those of Caesar's soldiers.

For continuous stretches of three and four years at a time, the ocean was their home. Typhoons, cannibals, British and Spanish men-of-war, hidden coral reefs, and pirates all took their toll of Nantucketers. But nothing could stop them from coming back to waters where the whales were.

And so the Nantucketers, with their square-toed shoes and their Quaker homespun, knew the streets of London, Madrid, Valparaiso, and Singapore. But many of them didn't know a thing about Boston, Philadelphia, or New York — and some of them had never even been to the mainland of their own country.

"Two-thirds of this terraqueous globe are the Nantucketer's," Melville wrote in his classic description in *Moby Dick*. "For the sea is his; he owns it as emperors own empires, other seamen having but a right-of-way through it. Merchant ships are but extension bridges . . . The Nantucketer, he alone resides and riots on the sea; he alone, in Bible language, goes down to it in ships; to and fro ploughing it as his own special plantation. *There* is his home; *there* lies his business."

The whale is not only the biggest animal now on earth, but the biggest animal that has ever been on earth. Compared with the whale, even the biggest dinosaurs were puny.

Whales have been killed which were 111 feet long and weighed ninety tons — and there were probably even bigger whales which got away.

Some whales can open their jaws thirty feet wide. Their tongue weighs as much as an entire elephant.

Whales live for fifty years or more. They are true mammals — have warm blood, breathe air, suckle their young, and would drown if they stayed under water too long. Some can dive a mile deep, where the pressures would make jelly of a man. . .

Merchant seamen scornfully referred to whaling vessels as "spouters", "butcher shops adrift," and "hell ships."

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Certainly there were times when whaleships — with their trypots belching flames and sizzling from the fat that had been fed them — resembled floating hells. After a whale had been killed, the decks ran with blood, as sweaty, half-naked scarecrows hacked the gigantic corpse to pieces, and tossed the chunks ot blubber into the evil-smelling pots.

For the men before the mast, whaling meant dangerous work, impossible food, backbreaking hours, no guarantee of steady pay, an ironhanded rule from which there was no appeal. A captain could flog a man to death, or maroon him on a desert island, or keep him on bread and water until he was a skeleton.

But regardless of maggoty food, the unbelievable stench, and working conditions worse than slavery, whaling had its compensations that the merchant service could never match.

Perhaps the biggest compensation was the thrill of the chase—the exciting job of rowing an open boat up to the biggest creature on earth, hurling a harpoon into him, and being towed by the beast on a wild "Nantucket sleighride." Whalemen used to tell their girls back home that if a man so much as shifted a cud of tobacco during a sleighride, the boat would capsize.

There was also the possibility of greasy luck—a fortune in "ile." And of course there was the virtual certainty of adventure, especially if the whaler were bound for the unexplored Pacific Islands.

On Nantucket, whaling was the test of manhood. The more a boy heard about the discomforts and dangers, the more he wanted to demonstrate that he could face them without flinching. And the test was all the more important, since some girls on the island scornfully told their landlubber suitors that they'd never marry a man who hadn't killed a whale.

So the boys left home when they were still beardless, half-grown, and soprano-voiced. When they returned, they were husky men with a pocketful of money, and they were welcomed by the townspeople in the same way that other towns welcome war heroes.

"Butcher shops adrift?" That was certainly one way of looking at whaling. True enough, the whalemen didn't wear crimson scarfs around their waists or embroidered jackets and tight-fitting trousers. They didn't talk about the "moment of truth," and there were no worshiping thousands to cheer them on at the time of danger.

But to the Nantucket girls, their whalemen were the matadors of the deep. And one does not call a matador a butcher—at least to his face.

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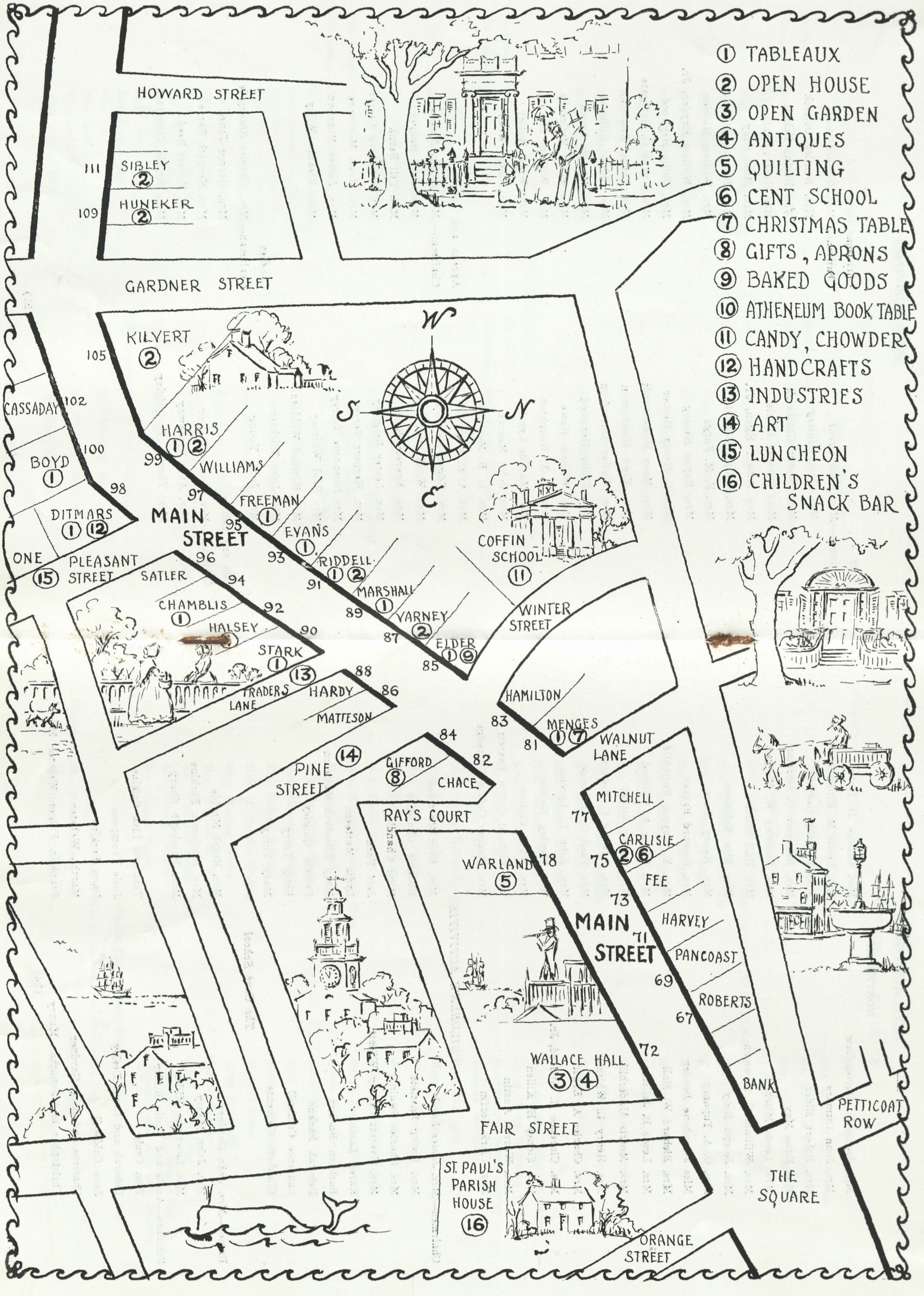① TABLEAUX
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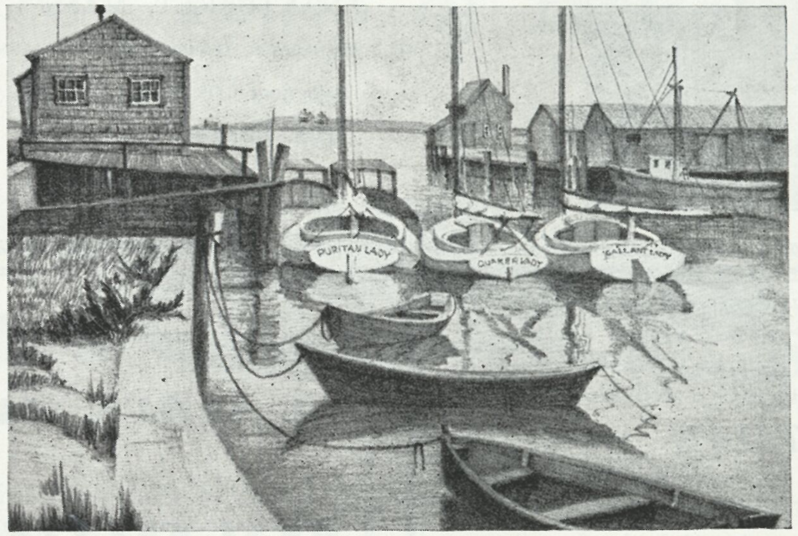
By Ruth Haviland Sutton



Cats and skiffs along the waterfront were favorite subjects for my pencil and brush. Skiffs and dories ride so lightly, and a catboat sits so firmly in the water!

In his book, "Joy's Pier", published by Dorrance, the late Phillips N. Case, of Springfield, Mass., tells of the origin of the Catboat. Andrew Crosby of Osterville on Cape Cod wished to build a boat along lines different from the double-ender "sharpie", the small boat used by the fishermen of the period. Along in 1850 he became interested in Spiritualism, and at the same time got an idea for what was called a "freak" boat giving credit to the "spirits" for his idea. Unfortunately he died and his two sons knew not how to continue. At stressful moments they consulted their mother who would go into a trance and receive instructions from her departed husband. In this way the boat was built. At the time of trial, "Little Eva" as she was christened, beat the sharpies all hollow! So well did she perform, someone said that she came about "quick as a cat", and the name stuck.

Whether through spiritual instruction, or human study and contriving, the fact remains that Andrew Crosby began, and his wife and sons built the first Cape Cod Catboat, and then developed the Crosby boat shops which carried on through subsequent generations of sons and grandsons.

For over a century the catboat has been important in the summer life on Nantucket, the large fleet providing transportation to Wauwinet, the bathing beach, for fishing and picnics, and delightful sailing parties by day or moonlight. Broad in the beam, and stable, with steadying centerboad, they would carry a goodly amount of sail, and being of shallow draft, were safe in the waters of Nantucket Sound. A typical plumb-stem, square-stern cat is about 25 feet on deck and nearly the same length at water line.

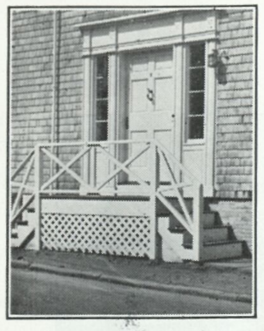
The catboats were safe in bad weather, and in the early 1900's, if weather prevented the steamboat from crossing the Sound the large catboat "Margie" made the necessary trip to the mainland. She was 30 feet long with a 27 foot mast and 36 foot boom.

In the 80's and 90's Nantucket hand books and directories listed the names of the fleet of catboats, their tonnage, their captains, and the special qualities for which they were noted.

A surprising number of catboats have joined the scallop fleet. The masts have been sawed off and replaced, motors installed, but the generous lines are still there and they are still lovely things to draw.

We landlubbers at a time of confusion might say that we were "up in the air", but among the dwellers of Nantucket when cats were numerous you might hear, "There I was, between heavens and earth without either halyards or downhaul", and one would know just his mental state.

Let us come aft and "splice the main brace"!



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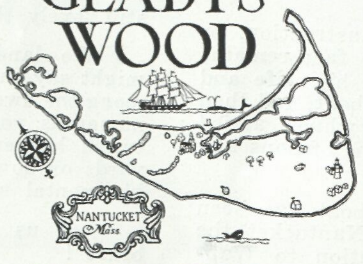

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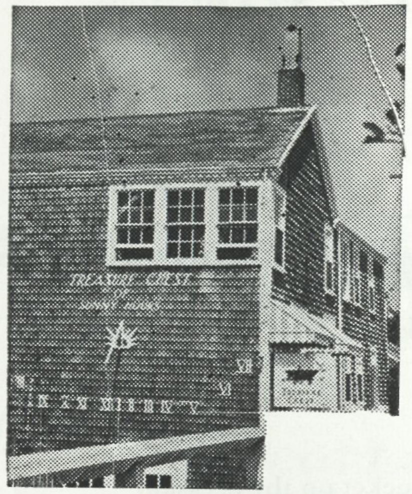

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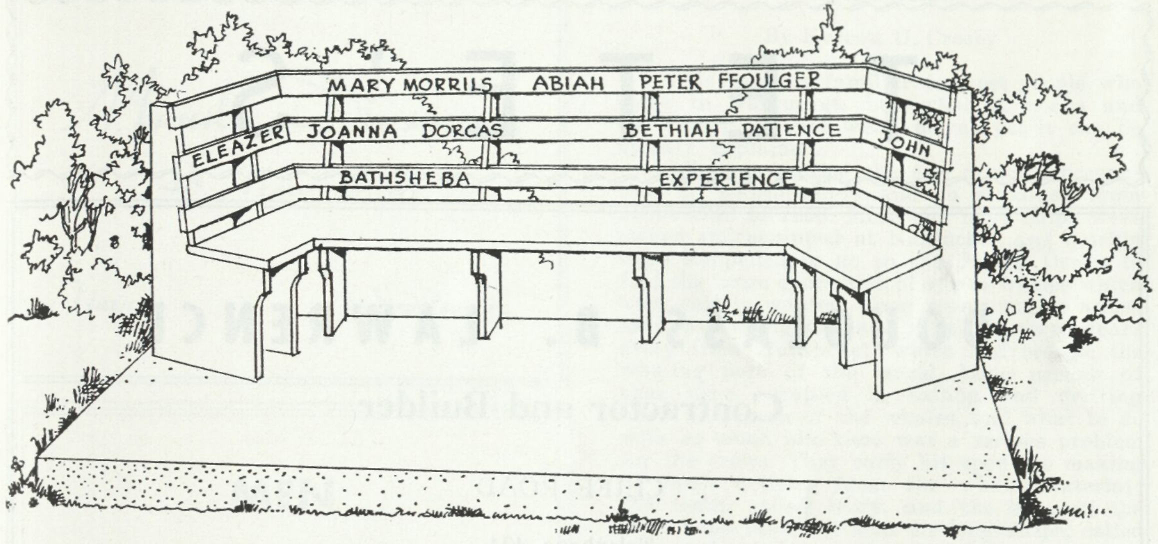

## The Folger Franklin Seat and Memorial Boulder

By Dr. William E. Gardner

Half a mile on the road to Madaket is the fountain placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution to honor the mother of Benjamin Franklin born near this spot. On the knoll in the pasture, north, may be seen the Boulder and Seat.

Peter Folger was the first Englishman to give time and affection to the Island. Long before the Coffin-Macy-Starbuck group bought Nantucket, Peter was coming to the Island and helping the Indians to higher standards of living. His acts and interests were in many ways a counter part of what his grandson, Benjamin Franklin, did and thought. To illustrate: in 1677 Peter went to New York and in the Province House won from the British Governor a more democratic plan of government for Nantucket; a hundred years later his grandson went to England and pleaded before Parliament for a more democratic attitude towards the American Colonies.

Peter's democratic convictions were a product of the turmoil made in New England by a bold pamphlet: *The Body of Liberties,* (Original in the Boston Atheneum Library) which compelled the narrow-minded Magistrates and Ministers of the Massachusetts Bay Company to change regulations and laws which denied freedom of thought and act. This pamphlet had influence in the work of Benjamin Franklin and others as they wrote the Declaration of Independence.

In another area the grandfather and the grandson had common interests which must have come from kindred relationships; they were both fond of mechanical gadgets. Peter was a natural craftsman; pulleys, mills, clocks, and especially surveying were enticing interests; surely there must be some inheritance law that caused Benjamin to bring down electricity by sending a kite aloft in a thunder storm, to choose printing as a life work, to make, with glass and tumblers, a "Armonica", and to spend many weeks on shipboard studying the Gulf Stream because his cousin, Captain Timothy Folger (Nantucket Whaler), had informed him of the possibilities of the Stream in navigation.

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The seat bears the names of his seven daughters and two sons who carried on his ideals in humanitarian achievements in science, literature, education, and politics. The Folger Shakespearian Library, Washington, D.C., the prison work of Thomas Mott Osborne, the influences of Maria Mitchell and Lucretia Mott, of Walter Folger, judge and maker of the astronomical clock, are only a few of the many descendants of Peter who have enriched mankind.

*(For the details of Peter Folger's life read The Triumphant Captain John by Dr. Will Gardner. Captain John was Peter's most intimate friend.)*

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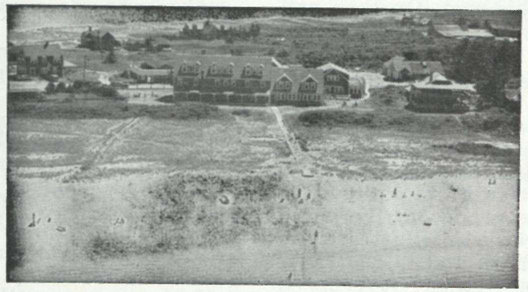

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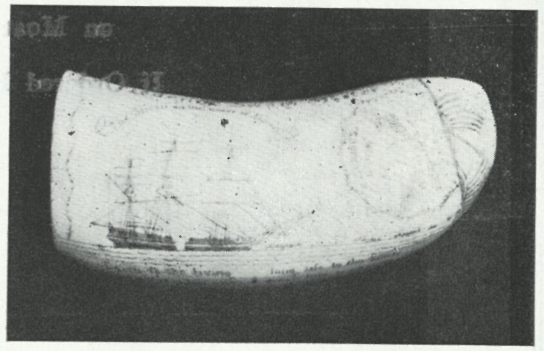
## SCRIMSHAW

By Everett U. Crosby

This word is familiar to most people who come to Nantucket, but what it means and its history are not well known; yet it can be quickly explained.

Whaling became the sole primary occupation of Nantucketers and so remained from about 1790 to 1850. More and more ships were owned and equipped at Nantucket, and quickly were compelled to go to the Pacific Ocean to find the large quantities of sperm whales which were chiefly wanted. Long voyages were necessary, averaging two and a half to three years away from Nantucket, which had become the whaling port of the world. Long periods of time were occupied in sailing and drifting about in search of the whales, and what to do with so much idle time was a serious problem for the crews. They early hit upon the making of small articles from the whale material; the teeth, called ivory, and the bone as the most important, but also the long strips, called baleen, from the mouths of a different type of whale.

They were ornamented with pictures made by slightly scratching the surface of the tooth or bone. These things, such as clothespins, jagging wheels for crimping piecrust, ditty boxes, busks for corset stays, canes and many others, in really great numbers were brought home as gifts, as for wives and sweethearts, and today are held by many private owners or in large collections, of which the one at the Whaling Museum on Broad Street, near the Steamboat landing is noteworthy.



One piece of scrimshaw is here shown, chosen because of its rarity. This tooth was done aboard the Nantucket ship Susan while in the Japan Sea. It is one of seven such teeth, five of which are owned on Island, including the one at the Whaling Museum. They are remarkable due to the large amount of data thereon, including the name of the ship and the grounds where whaling, the date of 1828, (when scrimshawed), the name of the master and of the man doing the scrimshawing, as well as the name of the person for whom he was doing it, and the following lines:

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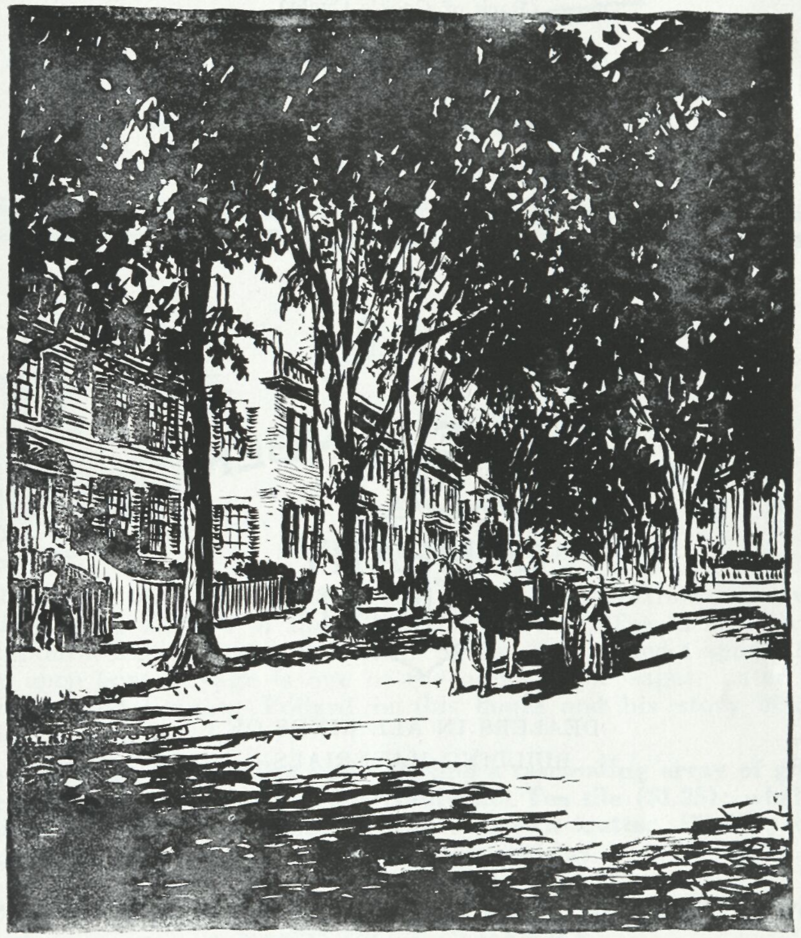

**Over two centuries and a quarter ago,** the first wharf was built at the island's Great Harbor by Richard Macy and his associates. The year 1723 was a turning point in the town's history, since it saw the first trade in whale oil directly to English ports. So rapid was the growth of the whaling industry that the little town of Sherburne became a leading sea port within three decades.

Leading directly from Straight Wharf the length of Main Street runs directly up Wesco Hill's gentle slopes to the west end of the town. Originally called State Street, and laid out in 1697, this central thoroughfare served as a connecting link for all the side streets which ran north and south through the town. These side streets — Water, Federal, Centre and Gardner on the one hand, and Washington, Union, Orange, Fair, Pine, Pleasant, and Milk streets on the other, were old ways which ran between the earliest divisions of land set aside by the Proprietors.

In its capacity as a central artery of trade, Main Street naturally became the business headquarters. During its first century, most of the grocery, hardware, meat, and clothing stores were in structures close to the wharves. Two of these old structures (called Markets) still exist — the Pacific Club, originally the Rotch Market, and the Kenneth Taylor Gallery, originally the Macy store or warehouse.

The concentration of business houses extended all the way up Main Street to the Pacific Bank. There were no less than four banking institutions at one time before 1850 — The Citizens Bank, Phoenix Bank, Institution For Savings, Manufacturers and Mechanics and Pacific Bank — all on Main Street square. Three newspapers — *The Inquirer*, *The Mirror* and *The Islander* — were all in existence here at one time. Law offices, clothing stores, insurance offices and meat markets existed in close proximity in the Square.

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# MAIN STREET ON NANTUCKET

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The devastation of the Great Fire of 1846 can hardly be imagined. It not only destroyed the entire business section of the town but the sweep of the waterfront, with warehouses filled with casks of oil, shops, stores, sail-lofts, rope-walks, chandleries and other business establishments. It had a marked effect not only on the economy of the island but on the architectural and social development.

Main Street's greatest change occurred on Straight Wharf and the Square. The Rotch Market and Macy Store, being brick, survived, as did the Philip Folger House (southwest corner, Orange and Main), the Pacific National Bank and the Citizens Bank, corner of Washington Street.

In rebuilding Main Street Square, the town wisely made the upper and lower sections the same width, so that the present Square in its cobbled length is perhaps the best example of an old English market place in America. The brick stores are Georgian design, and the mellow sidewalk brick was installed at the same time. Marble markers in the sidewalks indicate the original lay-out of the Square.

The story of the Rotch Market, clearing place for the *Dartmouth*, and *Beaver*, which ships took part in the Boston Tea Party, and the *Bedford*, first vessel to fly the new United States flag before London after the Revolution, is one of considerable interest. It was the Customs House of the port of Nantucket for over a century. Built in 1774 by William Rotch, then the leading whaling merchant in this country, it was subsequently sold to Gideon Gardner in 1804 and headquarters for William Cobb's Nantucket Marine Insurance Office, and in 1831 the Commercial Insurance Company. A group of shipmasters purchased the structure in 1861 for $1,205 and launched the Pacific Club which still exists. To be eligible for initial membership, one had to have sailed his own ship around Cape Horn.

The Kenneth Taylor Gallery (Macy Warehouse) was sold by the Philip Macy estate to Holmes and Pease, contractors, in 1905, continuing as a carpenter shop for three decades. The present Straight Wharf Theatre originally served as a sail loft and ship chandlery. Cross Wharf, connecting Straight Wharf to Old North Wharf, was a busy place for whalers, coasters and, in later years, coal schooners. For many years in our own century it was the scene of shell fishermen's activities.

When the flames of the Great Fire were spreading rapidly up Main Street, and the brick Folger Block and Pacific Bank stood as the only check in the race of the conflagration, Miss Maria Mitchell stood on the steps of the Methodist Church and urged the firewards not to blow up the structure with gun powder as a further effort to keep the flames from spreading. On the roof of the Bank, she saw the flames destroying the little observatory, little realizing that within a few months she was to stand on that same roof and, sweeping the sky with her telescope, be the first woman astronomer to discover a comet.

In Wallace Hall, just above the corner of Fair Street, Lydia Mitchell Barrett refused to leave her home, which was also threatened by the powder of the firewards who were resorting to desperate measures to check the spread of the flames. Mrs. Barrett stayed firm and so did her home. It was built in 1820 by John W. Barrett, then President of the Pacific Bank.

Close by this mansion was the Franklin School, which jutted out over the sidewalk and Atlantic Hall, (now Dreamland Theatre), both of which were land marks for many years. The Captain William T. Swain house now stands on the site.

The space between Orange and Fair Streets was at one time occupied by the dwelling of Joseph Gardner, the Boarding House of the Widow Cary, and the store of John Macy. In the Gardner house was born a grandson named Joseph Gardner Swift, to become General Swift, first graduate of West Point Military Academy in 1802; appointed its superintendent in 1809; and during the War of 1812 entrusted with the defense of New York City. The Widow Cary had a nephew, James Cary, who became a pioneer in the China trade and a discoverer of Rose Island in the Pacific. In the little store of John Macy worked a younger son, Rowland, who was to become the founder of the famous "Macy's" of New York.

Along Main Street Square's southern side were erected "temporary" structures of wood which lasted three quarters of a century.

In 1829, Frederic Mitchell, a whaling merchant, built the brick mansion known for years as the French House, and later as Church Haven. Other brick houses on this street were built by No. 75 Henry Coffin (1833), No. 78 Charles G. Coffin (1831), Nos. 93, 95, 97, built for William, Matthew and George Starbuck (1836-37).

While the imposing William Hadwen and George Wright houses, Nos. 96 & 94, with their neo-classicist styles are striking, they best serve to illustrate the period of affluence when the Quaker merchants were breaking away from the traditional style of construction. This earlier style is best seen in the house on the corner of Pine and Main, built in 1762 by George Coleman, and for years the home of William Hussey Macy, a distinguished islander, who wrote the whaling classic "There She Blows" in 1877.

The houses of Main Street would make a volume in themselves. Between the Civil War Monument (on the site of the former Liberty Pole) and the business market place, not more than a half dozen 18th century structures remain. Among these are No. 77 (earlier part 1790), No. 81 (built 1760), No. 85 (earlier section 1724), No. 100 (earlier half 1740), No. 102 (James Bunker 1750), No. 107 (Zacheus Macy, 1748), No. 105 (Tristram Starbuck, older half 1690). The Macy House, No. 99, was built early in the 1800's and, upon the marriage of Thomas Macy and Eunice Coffin, the house was enlarged and the fine doorway built around 1830.

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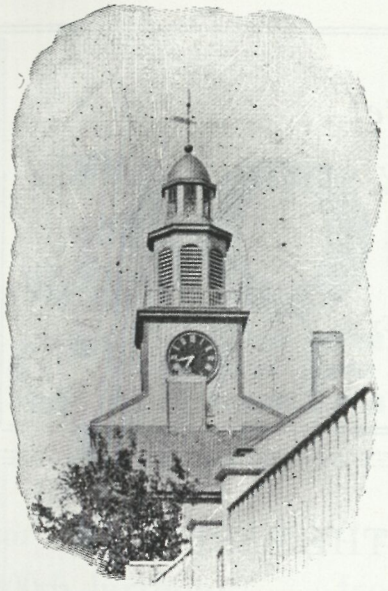

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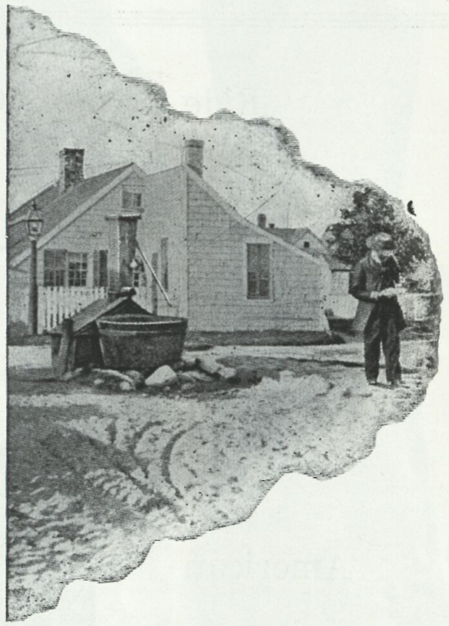

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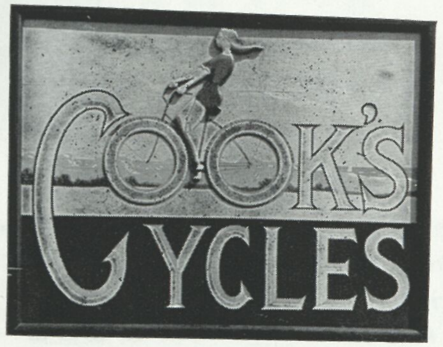

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